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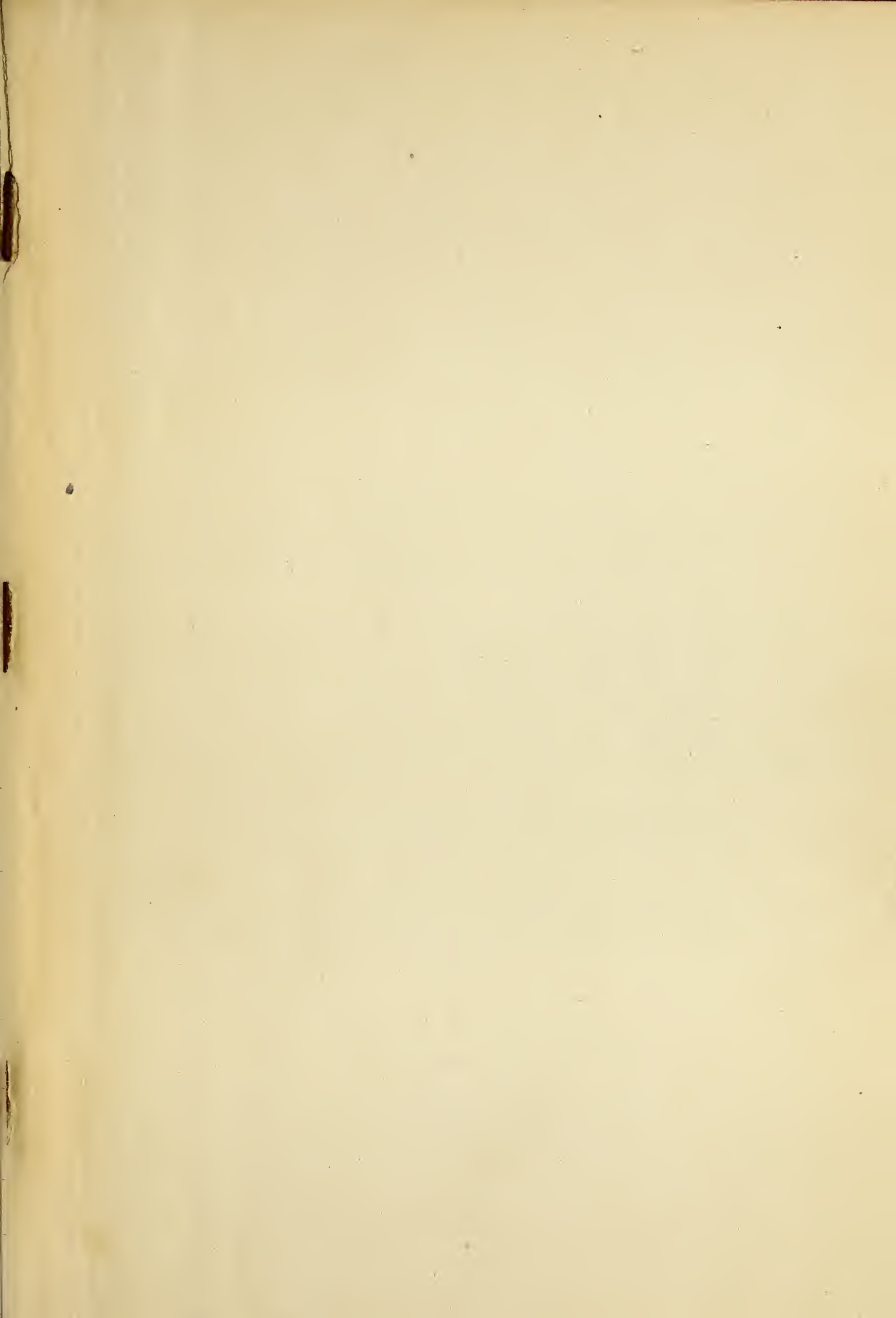
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PREFACE

This record of Battery "D" 56 Artillery C. A. C. is written with reference chiefly to those soldiers who actually embarked for France, and who were present on board ship March 31, 1918 when the Battery was mustered at sea.

A roster in detail of these men is incorporated under that date.

The initial muster roll of December 31, 1917 as well as all subsequent rolls are matters of official record and for that reason, and in consideration of the many and radical changes that were made in the enlisted personnel of the Battery, reference by name prior to March 31st, 1918, is omitted.

The record was originally intended by the writer to be a personal memorandum, and to in no way form a complete chronicle of the life of Battery "D". Much could be written of humor, fun in camp, on the road and in the battle areas,—and a deal of sadness could be told, depression from conditions that were hard, and the loss we sustained by enemy fire. However, it is to be noted that as the greater part of the material used was taken from official orders, and papers, morning reports, sick reports, etc.;—it is therefore authentic to a large degree.

It is printed at the request of the members of Battery "D", for the men of that Battery, and to them it is sent with the heartiest of good wishes.

Should war again be declared, between the United States, and any foreign power, let every man of the old Battery respond with the same spirit, and remembering the old slogan,

"LET'S GO."

Corporal Frank H. Kirk

Sometime— Battery Clerk

Battery "D" 56th Artillery, C. A. C.

HISTORY

OF

BATTERY "D" 56TH ARTILLERY

COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

DEC. 20, 1917

Battery "D" 56th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps, was created by General Order No. 37, Headquarters Coast Defenses of Long Island Sound, December 20, 1917. The 56th Regiment C. A. C. was commanded by Colonel Louis R. Burgess, C. A. C., and the second Battalion composed of Batteries "C" and "D" was commanded by Major J. L. Long C. A. C. with Captain A. C. Bennett, C. A. N. G. as Battalion Adjutant.

The above order assigned as officers of Battery "D" the following:

Captain Frank E. Withee, C. A. N. G. Commanding
1st Lieut. Oscar H. Cowan, C. A. N. G.
1st. Lieut. Byron K. Harris, C. A. N. G.
2nd. Lieut. Van N. Sarles, C. A. N. G.
2nd Lieut. John E. Casey, C. A. N. G.

The enlisted strength on December 20, 1917 as provided by the same order was 245 men as follows:

1 First Sergeant	4 Mechanics
1 Mess Sergeant	3 Musicians (Buglers)
1 Supply Sergeant	30 Wagoners
10 Sergeants	169 Privates 1st Class and Privates.
22 Corporals	
4 Cooks	

DEC. 25, 1917

The strength of the Battery was reduced to 244 men by the transfer of Private Rosenplanter, to take effect as of December 20, 1917, per G. O. No. 37 Dec. 20, 1917.

DEC. 28, 1917

By General Order No. 40-CD LIS, December 27, 1917 Battery "D" received four men, Sergeant Bartolucci, Privates Gray and Retallick transferred from the 34th, Company L. I. S., and Private Mason from the 38th, Company L. I. S. The total strength of the Battery was therefore 248 men.

DEC. 29, 1917

A second transfer under the provisions of G. O. No. 40 CD LIS Dec. 27, 1917 transferred to the 36th Company L. I. S. Privates Longo, Holmes, Linos, Lambert, Fiore, Frechett and Reek, and to the 35th Company L. I. S. Privates Waller, Zeralski and Marquis. The loss of these ten men left the total number of enlisted men at 238.

DEC. 30, 1917

G. O. No. 42 CD LIS, Dec. 28, 1917, reduced the Battery by five, Sergeant Serwood and Corp. Mosses being transferred to the 35th Company L. I. S., and Privates Smith, McClimon and Walsh to the 34th Company L. I. S.

DEC. 31, 1917

On the last day of December the initial muster of the Battery was made and 233 men were registered on the muster roll with grades as follows:

1 First Sergeant	4 Mechanics
1 Mess Sergeant	1 Saddler
1 Supply Sergeant	23 Wagoners
10 Sergeants	3 Musicians (Buglers)
22 Corporals	51 Privates 1st Class
2 Chief Mechanics	110 Privates
4 Cooks	

During the twelve days from December 20 to 31st, 1917 the Battery was in process of formation, and while the usual garrison duties such as guard, fatigue, and infantry drills were performed, little time was devoted to instruction.

JAN. 4, 1918

Fire broke out in the post hospital at 1.00 P. M. Severe cold weather made fire fighting hard work, and water on the men's slickers froze. Soon men and apparatus were a mass of ice. Loss estimated at \$25,000.

JAN. 6, 1918

General Order No. 1 CD LIS, Jan 3, 1918 increased the rolls of Battery "D" by two, for in compliance with this order Privates Hildebrandt and Hoyt were transferred from the 36th Company LIS. The enlisted men now totaled 235.

JAN. 7, 1918

Heavy snow and wind storm prevented the usual garrison duties, and the men were unable to leave the barracks.


Allotment blanks, Form I-B, were made out for every man in the Battery.



PEELIN' SPUDS AT TERRY

Seated—Sullivan, Thomas, W. McGrath, H. Jarvis, Mason, Percell,
Bucher.

Standing—Mathiew, Brunet, Narusewick.



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JAN. 13, 1918

On this date Cook Creamer, and Recruit Palczynski were transferred to the 35th Company LIS. in accordance with instructions contained in G. O. No. 3 CD LIS, dated Jan. 12, 1918. Again the Battery numbered 233 enlisted men.

JAN. 16, 1918

General Order No. 4 CD LIS under date of Jan. 14, 1918 transferred five men to Battery "D" and six men from the Battery as follows:

To Battery "D"—Sergt. Charles Cohen from 36th Co.

Cook Alfred Hill from 36th Co.

Pvt. John L. Sullivan from 34th Co.

Rct. Kenneth Bucher from 15th Co.

Rct. John Rayner from 15th Co.

From Battery "D"—Mess Sergt. J. Burton to 36th Co.

Pvt. Lucien Giard to 36th Co.

Rct. Joseph Liscka to 36th Co.

Rct. Louis Munn to 34th Co.

Rct. John M. Sullivan to 12th Co.

Pvt. lcl. Albert Daly to 12th Co.

After these transfers had been completed the men of the Battery numbered 232.

The month of January was occupied in the usual duties of a garrison, and Battery "D" was given drills in infantry and artillery practice. Severe cold weather made guard and fatigue duties especially hard to perform, and several men of this battery were treated for frozen ears and faces.

FEB. 3, 1918

Private Adalard DeForest was transferred to this Battery by G. O. No. 9 CD LIS, Feb. 2, 1918, from the 35th Company LIS, and his joining the organization made the number of men total 233.

FEB. 4, 1918

This date marked the coldest day in many years at Fort Terry. The thermometer registered 36 below zero at 4.30 P. M.

FEB. 5-9, 1918

Continued cold weather formed ice floes in the waters of Long Island Sound. For five days no mail, provisions, or news were received, and the boat which arrived at 6 P. M. brought the largest mail in several years—90 bags.

FEB. 13, 1918

Private William H. Pike, Battery "D" died this date at 6.50 A. M. in the Post hospital at Fort Terry, N. Y. of bronchial pneumonia. The loss of this soldier reduced our strength to 232 enlisted men.

FEB. 15, 1918

The body of Private Pike was escorted to the boat landing at Fort Terry, by the entire Battery and a firing squad was sent to his former home. Every honor was shown to the memory of this soldier.

FEB. 23, 1918

Private Arthur I. Palmer was assigned to Battery "D" by Verbal Orders of the Fort Commander, on Feb. 22, 1918. This soldier joining the Battery replaced the loss of Pvt. Pike and left the total of enlisted men as before, 233.

FEB. 28, 1918

Battery "D" was mustered and inspected at 9.30 A. M. by the Regimental Commander, Col. L. R. Burgess, C. A. C.

MARCH 1 TO MARCH 20, 1918

Battery "D" performed garrison duties at Fort Terry, N. Y. These included guards, fatigue, infantry and artillery drills, attendance at lectures on various topics of a military nature, and regular inspections and parades. Medical officer from Embarkation Camp examined the men of the Battery.

MARCH 21, 1918

Battalion parade and escort to the Colors, which was reviewed by the Post Commander, Lieut. Col. Vincent M. King, C. A. N. G.

MARCH 22, 1918

Battery "D" was transported from Fort Terry, N. Y., to Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y., at 2.30 P. M. by the Quartermaster Steamer "Nathaniel Green."

MARCH 23, 1918

At Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.—Regimental Parade at 3 P. M. review by Colonel L. R. Burgess, C. A. C. Commanding 56th Regiment C. A. C.

MARCH 24, 1918

Regimental parade and inspection with full field equipment at 3 P. M.

MARCH 25, 1918

Final regimental inspection, heavy marching order, at 3 P. M. followed by escort to the Colors, and Regimental parade.

MARCH 26, 1918

Battery left Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y., at 7 P. M. aboard the Quartermaster Steamer "Nathaniel Green" for New London, Conn. Entrained at New London, Conn. at 9.20 P. M. for New York City.



ICE AT FORT TERRY DOCK, THERMOMETER 36 DEGREES
BELOW ZERO, FEB. 4, 1918

MARCH 27, 1918

A short march with full equipment, and barrack bags, which were heavy with personal property, was made from the trainyard in New York to a transport. After a brief ferry down the East River, the Battery was landed at Pier 59 North River, N. Y. City, and at 8 A. M. boarded the Admiralty Transport No. 527, formerly the White Star liner "Olympic";—This was a surprise as we all expected to be held at Camp Merritt, New Jersey.

MARCH 28, 1918

Left Pier No. 59, North River, N. Y., U. S. A., at 10.30 A. M. for "Over-seas." All men were ordered below decks till we passed Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

MARCH 28 TO MARCH 30, 1918

Battery was enroute,—at sea.

MARCH 31, 1918

Battery "D" was mustered at sea, by Major Walter Singles, C. A. C. This muster roll showed a total of 231 men present and 2 men, Privates Earl L. Geer, and George H. Maslen, absent sick.

An exact copy of that muster roll as to name and rank of the enlisted men is made under this date as follows:

First Sergeant, Harold F. Glendining.

Supply Sergeant, Raymond B. Hamilton

Mess Sergeant, George J. Malcolm

SERGEANTS

Percy Brown
Ernest L. Bartolucci
Leon N. Blanchard
Charles Cohen
William L. Harrison
John Hogan
Charles C. Rapp
George A. Stone
George D. Stone

Channing P. Huntington

Ovide Jarvis

Peter Kagan

Frank H. Kirk

Charles B. Krom

Andrew LeBlanc

James V. O'Meara

Everett W. Pierce

Henry Roberge

Harold T. Robinson

Alvin Sayre

Joseph W. StRock

J. Walter Thompson

CORPORALS

Dominick Barber
Frederick Bauer
Joseph Cormier
Harold S. Curtis
Arthur DeForest
Robert Dragon
Harry C. Fudge
Alfred Gladue
Vernon F. Griffin
Ralph P. Howard

ACTING CHIEF MECHANICS

George T. Hatter

George T. Pearl

COOKS

Harry F. Carr

Alfred W. Hill

Michael McShane

Walter W. Murphy

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MECHANICS

Harvie A. Benoit
 Martin F. Burns
 Joseph Ferrigno
 Joseph Wargo

ACTING SADDLER (Private)

Antonio LiPira

ACTING WAGONERS**(Privates)**

Frederick W. Amundsen
 Lawrence C. Barringer
 Leon Benard
 Theophile J. Bernier Jr.
 Harry J. Christman
 Thomas J. Collins
 Henry Costanzo
 Frederick Cotron
 Lionel L. Dupius
 Adolph D. Jarvis
 William J. Jarvis
 Ralph W. Legg
 Roy E. Merrifield
 Paul Mondor
 Raymond Paddock
 Joseph Palo
 Charles L. Pohlman
 John F. Purvis
 William B. Valetto
 Melvin H. Waldron
 Albert E. Young
 Herman Zeitlen

BUGLERS

David C. Herbert
 Albert Piette
 Andrew Yobby

PRIVATES—FIRST CLASS

Wallace C. Ackerly
 Robert K. Bard
 Edgar R. Barker
 Leodore Boulais
 Joseph Brogno
 Clinton A. Burdick
 Horace Burr
 Charles W. Burt
 Joseph N. Butler
 Michael Cantillo

Samuel J. Chabotte
 Leo M. Collins
 William E. Corey
 Elzear Cotnoir
 Samuel Crowe
 John A. Dahlin
 Patrick W. Driscoll
 George O. Dunn
 Joseph Dydo
 George D. Gates
 Norman E. Harvey
 Herbert E. Hopkins
 Charles W. Huntley
 George A. Keisler
 Merrill R. Keith
 Lucien Lambert
 Joseph Lorette
 Robert MacFarland, Jr.
 Frank Marshall
 Eugene Mercier
 Emile Meunier
 David O. Mills
 Ovela Mitchell
 Benjamin F. Myers
 George R. Nadolny
 Hillary Narusewick
 Floyd Nettleton
 Edmund J. Peckham
 Russell N. Putnam
 Thomas J. Riordan
 Charles F. Robitaille
 Walter A. Rollinson
 Michael J. Student
 Francis R. Thomas
 James W. Walker
 James E. Wargo
 Albin B. Wallin
 Homer F. Wilbur
 Leslie Withnell

PRIVATES

Jesse Alexander
 Odillon Aubin
 William Barnes
 Francis J. Barrett
 Alfred H. Benoit
 John F. Bodner
 William M. Bond
 William H. Bouley

Privates, (continued)

Henry Bourque
Kenneth Bucher
Louis Bousquet
William Bousquet
William S. Bradley
Louis Brunet
John B. Charon
Velderich Chennette
John J. Cooney
Joseph Corbeille
Emile F. Cote
Alphonse Courchaine
Joseph O. Cournoyer
Andrew Crawford
Francis M. Creech
William H. Cully
Adalard DeForest
George Desrosier
Howard Dixon
Charles Dunn
Donat B. Fournier
Grover C. Gatlin
Thomas D. Gauthier
Henry Gazette
Earl L. Greer
(absent sick at Ft. Terry, N. Y.)
Frank H. Gley
Edgar Gobeille
Adams W. Goscinsky
Nelson Greenwood
William H. Harrington
Joseph E. Heselton
Arthur J. Hildebrandt
Herman Hillman
Cornelius R. Hoelck
Earl J. Hubbell
Harvey H. Jarvis
Henry Keil
Lloyd A. Kelsey
Earl C. Kimball
Horace A. Knight
Patrick Larkin
James Leon
Prosper Lorette
Franz C. Mager
Lorenzo Mappa
John Mark

George H. Maslen
(absent sick)
Fred J. Mason
Pietro Massamiani
Edgar Mathiew
John Mayhew
William Mayhew
Matthew McGrath
John E. McKenna
Robert R. Meurer
Byron Meurlott
Victor T. Mikionis
Edward C. Murray
Peter Myers
Rudolph C. Olsen
Stefan Osinski
Arthur I. Palmer
Alfred Parent
Cyrus Parrigin
Norbert Patenaude
Charles J. Patridge
Maurice E. Patridge
Joseph Paul
Leo Peloquin
Jack Percell
Harold F. Petersen
John A. Petroski
Ernest H. Pike
Leodore Porier
Walter J. Pullan
John Rayner
Arthur L. Reid
Frank Retallick
Steve Reil Jr.
Louis Rogan
Henry Rondeau
Henry E. Rousseau
James H. Russell
Clifford L. Ryan
Edward J. Salvas
Frederick Seeley
Omer Senecal
Edward Sennett
John J. Shea
Arthur Shepard
Michael Shulansky
Harry W. Smith
James R. Snedeker
Edwin W. Snell

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Privates (continued)

Frank A. Starr
James J. Stockton
John L. Sullivan
Louis Susteen
Walter R. Thomas

Samuel Tresser
George Tudor
Forrest H. Ullrich
Simon Washburn
Thomas Whalen
Napoleon Yates

MARCH 31, 1918

During March, 1918, the Battery had been passed thru several inspections, had left the post at Fort Terry, N. Y., and were actually on the way to France. Daily deck drills, with life preservers and designated posts for each man were held. Besides this, the British gun crews on board the "OLYMPIC" held target practise on March 29 and showed great proficiency in marksmanship.

APRIL 4, 1918

Entered the harbor of Brest, France at 6 P. M. and remained on board the transport, anchored in the harbor over night.

APRIL 5, 1918

Disembarked from transport to lighters, at 9 A. M. and marched in heavy marching order, from dock at Brest to Pontanazen Barracks.

APRIL 6, 1918

Inspection heavy marching order, on the parade at Pontanazen Barracks, at 8 A. M. by Battery Commander.

APRIL 7, 1918

Marched from Pontanazen Barracks to trainyards at Brest, with full equipment. Battery left Brest at 9.30 A. M. Entrained and left Brest at 11.30 A. M.

APRIL 8, 1918

Enroute by train.

APRIL 9, 1918

Arrived at Clermont-Ferrand, Dept. Puy-de-Dome, at 7 A. M. and marched to Gribeauval Barracks at 8.45 A. M.

APRIL 10 TO APRIL 19, 1918

Battery performed garrison duties in Clermont-Ferrand, with inspections, parades, hikes, drills, guards, fatigues and instructions.

APRIL 20, 1918

In addition to the first five commissioned officers originally assigned to the Battery, the following three officers were assigned to



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS BATTERY "D" 56th ARTIL-
LERY C.A.C., AS THEY LEFT FOR FRANCE, MARCH 28, 1918

duty with Battery "D", by Special Order No. 40 Headquarters, 56th Artillery C. A. C., April 19, 1918:

- 1st. Lieut. Wilson B. Gaither, C. A. R. C.
- 2nd. Lieut. Thomas H. Cornell, F. A. R. C.
- 2nd. Lieut. Hugh A. Cameron, F. A. R. C.

APRIL 22, 1918

In compliance with the instructions contained in Special Order No. 4 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, dated April 21, 1918, the following six men were transferred to the 57th Field Artillery Brigade:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Corporal Dominick Barber | Private lcl. George D. Gates |
| Corporal Alfred Gladue | Private George Desrosier |
| Wagoner Ralph W. Legg | Private Howard Dixon |

This transfer reduced the strength of Battery "D" to a total of 227 enlisted men.

APRIL 23, 1918

Special Order No. 41 Headquarters 56th Artillery C. A. C., dated April 22, 1918 assigned to Battery "D" the following six men:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Corp. Frank J. Chapp | Pvt. Wyman C. Bartlett |
| Corp. Alex C. Field | Pvt. Henry C. Berlin |
| Pvt. George H. Bartlett | Pvt. Steve W. Dennis |

By the addition of these six the number of enlisted men on the rolls of the Battery again became 233.

APRIL 29, 1918

Battery "D" left Gribeauval Barracks in Clermont-Ferrand, at 11.30 A. M. and hiked the distance of 8.5 kilometers to Lempdes, France, in heavy marching order. After arriving at Lempdes, at 3.10 P. M. the men were assigned to billets.

MAY 12, 1918

Private John F. Bodner was dropped from the rolls of this Battery, by authority of Par. 5, Memorandum No. 26, Headquarters 56th Arty C.A.C. dated May 11, 1918, and the total of enlisted men in this organization being thus decreased by one, left 232 carried present.

MAY 23, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant John A. Harvey, C. A. N. G., attached to Battery "D" this date, per Verbal order Battalion Commander, May 20, 1918.

Special Order No. 54 Headquarters 56th Artillery C. A. C. dated May 22, 1918, increased the strength of this Battery by transferring the following seven men:

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| Sergeant David McLeish | Private Clarence E. Farrar |
| Sergeant Clarence M. Whitten | Private Albert W. Jones |
| Corporal Andrew Apostolle | Private Moses Smith |
| Private Leo J. Childs | |

Total strength after this transfer is 239.

MAY 25, 1918

Special Order 56 Headquarters 56th Artillery C. A. C. dated May 23, 1918, transferred the following two men from Battery "D" 56th Arty. to the Headquarters Company of the same Regiment:

Sergeant Harold F. Glendining

Sergeant Ralph P. Howard.

Total strength after this transfer is 237.

MAY 27, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant John E. Casey, C. A. N. G. was relieved from duty with Battery "D" and transferred to Battery "C" per Verbal Order, Regimental Commander, May 25, 1918.

JUNE 1 to JUNE 14, 1918

Battery performed duties as prescribed by schedule, consisting of work in artillery instruction, infantry drills, and lectures on military topics of various natures, in addition to the usual camp duties.

JUNE 15, 1918

Privates Earl L. Greer, and George H. Maslen previously dropped from rolls, returned to duty with this organization, per Special Order No. 59 Headquarters 56th Artillery, June 13, 1918. The addition of these two men made the total strength 239.

JUNE 16, 1918

An inspection of the Battery was made by the Battalion Commander, Colonel E. L. Gilmer, C. A. N. G. at 9 A. M. at the field near Aulnat, with full field equipment displayed by the men.

JUNE 21, 1918

Captain Frank E. Withee, C. A. N. G., and 2nd. Lieutenant Van N. Sarles, C. A. N. G., relieved from duty with the Battery this date, per Confidential Special Order No. 49 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, June 20, 1918. 2nd. Lieutenant John A. Harvey C.A.N.G., in Command of the Battery.

All night maneouvers were performed by Battery "D" using guns and tractors, at the gun park near Lempdes.

JUNE 22, 1918

The strength of the Battery was reduced to 231 men by the transfer of the following eight men from Battery "D" to the 54th Artillery, C.A.C., in compliance with instructions of Special Order No. 50, Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade dated June 21, 1918:

Private 1cl. James E. Wargo
Wagoner Harry J. Christman
Wagoner Thomas Collins
Wagoner Paul Mondor

Wagoner Melvin H. Waldron
Private Kenneth Bucher
Private Lloyd A. Kelsey
Private Michael Schulansky

The Battery attended a Regimental Inspection by Regimental Commander, Col. L. R. Burgess, C.A.C., at the field near Aulnat, lasting from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M.

JUNE 25, 1918

The transfer of Privates Moses Smith and Leo J. Childs to the 55th Artillery, per Special Order No. 52 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade dated June 25, 1918, reduced the strength of this Battery to 229.

JUNE 30, 1918

Captain Camille Mazeau, assigned to command of Battery "D" by Verbal Order of the Regimental Commander, June 29, 1918.

During the month of June 1918, Battery "D" followed a schedule of work which included, drills with guns, gas mask drill and instruction, uses of tackles, blocks and holdfasts, first aid, convoys, camouflage, infantry drills, aiming and sighting drills, military courtesy, and liason work with signaling by semaphore and other methods.

On this date Corporal Harold Robinson was transferred to the 54th Artillery (Replacement) by authority of Special Order No. 56 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, dated June 29th, 1918. This loss reduced the Battery to a strength of 228.

JULY 4, 1918

Battery "D" participated as part of the 56th Regiment C.A.C. in a parade at Clermont-Ferrand, Dept. Puy-de-Dome, France. The 55th Regiment C.A.C., and the 146th Regiment Field Artillery, were also in line. Dinner was provided in the Gribeauval Barracks, and the afternoon was devoted to sports of all kinds. In the evening a boxing and wrestling program was held at the Municipal Theatre in Clermont, which was attended by both French and American troops. The men were brought back to Lempdes, after this program was concluded, by motor trucks.

JULY 5 TO JULY 10, 1918

Battery was stationed at Lempdes, France and was instructed according to schedule which comprised gun drills, practice marches with gas masks, and work with tractors and maneuvers with both tractors and guns.

JULY 11, 1918

Private Arthur I. Palmer was transferred from Battery "D" to Detachment O. & T. C. T. A. No. 3 per S. O. 64 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, July 8, 1918. This loss reduced the strength of the Battery to 227 men.

1st. Lieutenant Oscar H. Cowan returned from D. S. at Army Heavy Artillery School, per S. O. No. 4 Headquarters Heavy Artillery School, Mailly, France, June 25, 1918.

JULY 13, 1918

1st Lieutenant Burton K. Harris C.A.N.G. was transferred from D. S. to Battery "B" 56th Artillery C.A.C. per S. O. No. 68 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 11, 1918.

2nd. Lieutenant Hugh A. Cameron F.A.R.C. transferred from Special Duty with Battery "D" to Supply Company 56th Artillery C.A.C. per S. O. 68 Headquarters 56th Artillery July 11, 1918.

2nd. Lieutenant Thomas H. Cornell, F.A.R.C. transferred from duty with Battery "D" to Headquarters Company 56th Artillery C.A.C. per S. O. 68 Headquarters 56th Artillery July 11, 1918.

2nd. Lieutenant John A. Harvey C. A. N. G. from attached to assigned to Battery "D" 56th Artillery C.A.C. per S. O. 68 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 11, 1918.

2nd. Lieutenant Robert E. Lowe C.A.R.C. assigned to Battery "D" 56th Artillery C.A.C. per S.O. 68 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 11, 1918.

JULY 14, 1918

Battery "D" participated in a parade in Clermont-Ferrand, in celebration of Bastille Day. Marching in heavy marching order, with full equipment the men of the American batteries acted as escorts to the French troops, which was just the reverse order of the parade on July 4th when the French troops were the escorting columns.

JULY 15-17, 1918

Battery was continuing the schedules of drills and instruction while billeted at Lempdes, and with one exception there was no incident of interest to report. The exception was the transfer of Corp. Joseph W. St. Rock who went to the 56th Artillery Headquarters Company as Acting Master Gunner in compliance with S. O. No. 71 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 16, 1918. The total of the enlisted men now numbers 226.

JULY 22, 1918

First call sounded at Lempdes at 3.45 A. M. and the Battery were served with breakfast at 4 A. M.

Left Lempdes at 7.30 A. M. by motor trucks for Range near Randanne, Dept. Puy-de-Dome France. Arrived at Gun range at 11.15 A. M.

Sergt. Harry B. Mayberry assigned to Battery per S. O. No. 74 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 21, 1918.

This addition to the non-commissioned officers of the Battery made the total of enlisted men 227.

JULY 25, 1918

Private 1cl. Hunter L. Stallworth was assigned to Battery "D" per S.O. 76 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 23, 1918 and

by the same order Private 1cl. Walter A. Rollinson was transferred to the Headquarters Company 56th Artillery.

JULY 26, 1918

Battery "D" was scheduled for ten days range firing but on July 26 orders were received to move on July 27, to the old billet at Lempdes. Since one entire day was consumed in unpacking the equipment and getting the guns into firing position, and another day taken up in preparations to return,—the Battery had but three actual days of firing. Despite this very short time, the accuracy of fire and the efficiency of both officers and men was amply demonstrated.

JULY 27, 1918

Left Range at Randanne at 2 P. M. and travelled by motor train to Lempdes, arriving at 5.30 P. M.

JULY 28, 1918

Immediately upon arrival at Lempdes, orders were issued to prepare for the trip to the front. While the major part of the Battery was engaged in packing all equipment and supplies, a detail of men were working on the guns, camouflaging both those of Battery "D" and "C" under the supervision of an expert from the Engineer Corps.

JULY 29, 1918

This day was spent in a rigid and careful inspection of every gas mask, and a final and thorough check of all property in the Battery and that contained in the supply rooms. The packing of material and extra supplies was completed.

The following men of Battery "D" were transferred to the Ordnance Detachment 56th Artillery C.A.C. per Memo. 44 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. July 28, 1918.

Wagoners Henry Costanzo, Walter J. Pullan and Joseph Palo, and Private 1cl. Homer F. Wilbur.

In addition the strength of the battery was further reduced by the loss of Privates 1cl Joseph Dydo and Edmund Peckham, who were dropped from the rolls per G. O. 46 par. 4 Headquarters, A. E. F. 1918.

By the addition of one, Private Earl L. King who was assigned from the Ordnance Detachment 56th Artillery C.A.C. to this battery per S. O. 80 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., July 28, 1918 the total of enlisted men now numbers 222.

JULY 30, 1918

Private Henry Rondeau was transferred in compliance with par. 5 S. O. 75 Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade July 29, and assigned to duty with the Detachment at O&T. C.T.A. No. 3 at

Clermont-Ferrand. This loss left the strength of the battery 221 men.

Battery Order No. 14, July 29, 1918 promoted Sergt. Ernest L. Bartolucci to the grade of 1st Sergt., vice Sergt. Rapp reduced.

On this date very few men were able to have a full nights sleep as an early start was ordered in the morning and much work was still to be done in packing equipment and supplies in readiness to move.

JULY 31, 1918

First call sounded at 3.45 A. M. and Mess call at 4 A. M. Battery "D" left Lempdes at 8.30 A. M. and travelled by motor truck train to Clermont-Ferrand which was reached at 9 A. M. Entrained about noon on box freight cars, which the men called "side door pullmans" and left the station at Clermont-Ferrand, Dept. Puy-de-Dome France at 2:15 P. M.

AUGUST 1, 1918

Detrained at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre, at 1.30 P. M. August 1st, and after heavy work unloading guns and motor trucks from flat-cars the battery proceeded by motor train towards the battle-line. LaFerte was left at 8 P. M.

AUGUST 2, 1918

Arrived at Charley sur Marne, Dept Aisne, France at 7.30 A. M. and proceeded to occupy billets assigned to this battery.

AUGUST 3, 1918

Privates Pietro Massamiani, and George H. Maslen were transferred under G. O. 46 Headquarters A.E.F. 1918. Private Massamiani was wounded by a self inflicted gun shot wound, and Maslen suffered a fractured and lacerated foot and ankle from an accident in unloading the big guns from the freight cars at La Ferte. Our strength in enlisted men is now 219.

AUGUST 5, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant Hugh A. Cameron detached from duty with this battery, per V. O. Battalion Commander, August 5, 1918.

AUGUST 6, 1918

Sergt. Clarence M. Whitten reduced from Supply Sergeant to Sergeant per Battery Order No. 15, August 6, 1918.

Mechanic George L. Pearl appointed Sergeant, per S. O. No. 83 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. August 5, 1918.

Sergeant George L. Pearl appointed Supply Sergeant per Battery Order No. 15, August 6, 1918.

Sergt. William L. Harrison reduced to private per S. O. 83 Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. August 5, 1918.

Battery stationed at Charly-sur-Marne. Practice march with gas masks in the morning, and artillery drill in the afternoon.

AUGUST 7, 1918

Gas mask drill, including practice march with gas masks in use for two periods of one-half hour each.

AUGUST 8, 1918

Infantry drill in the morning and artillery drill in the afternoon.

AUGUST 9, 1918

Articles of War were read to the entire battery at 3 P. M. This in compliance with army regulations and also to acquaint the men with such articles of war as pertain to the action of a soldier under fire.

AUGUST 10, 1918

Battery inspection at 10 A. M. by Company Commander Capt. Mazeau. Again inspected in the afternoon by a Colonel from the Inspector General's Office A. E. F.

AUGUST 11, 1918

All day inspection by A. E. F. Staff inspector.

AUGUST 12, 1918

2nd. Lieut. John A. Harvey, C. A. N. G. detached from duty with Battery for temporary duty with 1st Battalion 56th Artillery C.A.C. Completion of inspection by A.E.F. Staff Inspector.

AUGUST 13, 1918

Corp. Andrew LeBlanc reduced from Corporal to grade of Private per S. O. 85 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. August 12 1918. Artillery drills in the morning lasting two hours. In the afternoon a practice march was given, the men using gas masks and light packs.

AUGUST 14, 1918

Guns were placed in the travelling position in the forenoon and the battery was busy all day packing equipment on trucks in readiness to move. Preparations were completed at 8 P. M.

Private 1cl. John A. Dahlin promoted to corporal per S. O. 86 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. August 13, 1918.

AUGUST 15, 1918

Left Charly-sur-Marne, Dept. Aisne, France at 7.30 A. M. for position on the line. The route travelled was by auto trucks and after leaving Charly passed thru Romeny, Azy, Essomes, Chateau-Thierry, Rocourt, Coincy, Fere-en-Tardenois, Loupeigne, to a camp near Mareuil-en-Dole, while the guns were taken some six kilometers farther up to a position near Lhuys.

AUGUST 16, 1918

This date will long be remembered by the men of Battery "D" as the day on which our guns first spoke to "Fritz" in no uncertain tones. The Battery took up as its first position on the firing line in France, a location near Lhuys, and by midnight were ready to fire.

That the personnel of the Battery may be more clearly and correctly recorded, a roster of the names and rank of those composing this Battery is here copied from one made on the same date for official use.

First Sergeant: Ernest L. Bartolucci

Supply Sergeant: George L. Pearl

Mess Sergeant: George J. Malcolm

SERGEANTS

Leon N. Blanchard
Percy Brown
Robert F. Cavin
Charles Cohen
Raymond B. Hamilton
John Hogan
Harry B. Mayberry
David McLeish
Charles C. Rapp
George A. Stone
George D. Stone
Clarence Whitten

CORPORALS

Andrew Apostolle
Frederick Bauer
Joseph Brogno
Frank J. Chapp
Joseph Cormier
Harold S. Curtis
John A. Dahlin
Arthur DeForest
George O. Dunn
Alex C. Field
Harry C. Fudge
Vernon F. Griffin
Channing P. Huntington
Ovide Jarvis
Peter Kagan
Frank H. Kirk
Charles B. Krom
James V. O'Meara
Everett W. Pierce
Henry Roberge

Charles F. Robitaille
Ashton Sanford
Alvin Sayre
Joseph W. Thompson

MECHANICS

Harvey Benoit
George T. Hatter
Leodore Poirier
Frank Retallick

COOKS

Harry F. Carr
Alfred Hill
Michael McShane
Walter W. Murphy

WAGONERS

Francis J. Barrett
Lawrence C. Barringer
Theophile Bernier
Michael Cantillo
Frederick Cotron
Lionel L. Dupius
Herman Hillman
Adolph D. Jarvis
John Mark
John E. McKenna
Roy E. Merrifield
Raymond Paddock
John A. Petroski
John F. Purvis
Arthur L. Reid
Arthur Shepard
Michael Student
Albin B. Wallin

Wagoners (continued)

Albert E. Young

BUGLERS

David C. Hebert

Edgar Mathiew

Andrew Yobby

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Wallace C. Ackerly

Frederick Amundsen

Edgar R. Barker

Clinton A. Burdick

Horace Burr

Charles Burt

Joseph N. Butler

Samuel J. Chabotte

Leo N. Collins

John J. Cooney

Joseph Corbeille

William E. Corey

Elzear Cotnoir

Samuel Crowe

Patrick W. Driscoll

Joseph Ferrigno

Edgar Gobeilde

Norman E. Harvey

Joseph E. Heselton

Arthur J. Hildebrandt

Herbert E. Hopkins

Charles W. Huntley

William J. Jarvis

Merrill R. Keith

Lucien Lambert

Joseph Lorette

Robert MacFarland, Jr.

Lorenzo Mappa

Frank Marshall

Eugene Mercier

Emile Mernier

David O. Mills

Ovela Mitchell

Benjamin F. Myers

George R. Nadolny

Hillary Narusewick

Floyd Nettelton

Russell Putnam

Thomas J. Riordan

Clifford L. Ryan

Omer Senecal

John J. Shea

James R. Snedeker

Hunter L. Stallworth

Walter R. Thomas

James W. Walker

Leslie Withnell

PRIVATEES

Jesse Alexander

Odilon Aubin

Robert K. Bard

William Barnes

George H. Bartlett

Wyman C. Bartlett

Leon Benard

Alfred H. Benoit

Henry Berlin

William M. Bond

Leodore Boulais

William H. Bouley

Henry Bourque

Louis Bousquet

William Bousquet

William Bradley

Louis Brunet

Martin F. Burnes

John B. Charon

Velderic Chenette

Emile F. Cote

Alphonse Couchaine

Joseph Cournoyer

Andrew Crawford

Francis M. Creech

William H. Cully

Adalard T. DeForest

Steve Dennis Jr.

Robert K. Dragon

Charles Dunn

Clarence Farrar

Donat B. Fournier

Grover C. Gatlin

Thomas B. Gauthier

Henry Gazette

Earl L. Geer

Frank H. Gley

Adams W. Goscinsky

Nelson Greenwood

William H. Harrington

William L. Harrison

Cornelius Hoelck

HISTORY OF "BATTERY D"

Privates (continued)

Earl L. Hubbell
 Harvey H. Jarvis
 Albert W. Jones
 Henry Keil
 George A. Keisler
 Earl C. Kimball
 Earl E. King
 Horace A. Knight
 Patrick Larkin
 Andrew LeBlanc
 James J. Leon
 Antonio LiPira
 Prosper M. Lorette
 Franz C. Mager
 Fred J. Mason
 John Mayhew
 William Mayhew
 Mathew McGrath
 Robert H. Meurer
 Byron Meurlott
 Viktor T. Mikionis
 Edward C. Murray
 Peter Myers
 Rudolph C. Olsen
 Stefan Osinski
 Alfred Parent
 Cyrus Parent
 Norbert Patenaude
 Charles J. Patridge
 Morris C. Patridge

Joseph Paul
 Leo Peloquin
 Jack Percell
 Harold F. Petersen
 Albert Piette
 Ernest Pike
 Charles L. Pohlman
 John Rayner
 Steve Reil Jr.
 Louis Rogan
 Henry E. Rousseau
 James H. Russell
 Edward J. Salvat
 Frederick Seeley
 Edward Sennett
 Harry W. Smith
 Edwin W. Snell
 Frank A. Starr
 James J. Stockton
 John L. Sullivan
 Louis Susteen
 George Tudor
 Samuel Tresser
 Forrest H. Ullrich
 William B. Valetto
 Joseph Wargo
 Simon Washburn
 Thomas Whalen
 Napoleon Yates
 Herman Zeitlen

AUGUST 17, 1918

Private Earl L. Geer injured by auto accident, sent to the 306th Ambulance Company for treatment.

AUGUST 19, 1918

The following men injured in action of August 19th at 4.30 A. M. by high explosive shell burst, were taken to the 306th Ambulance Company for treatment:

Sergt. Percy Brown
 Corp. Peter Kagan
 Corp. Joseph W. Thompson
 Pvt. 1cl. William E. Corey

Pvt. Forrest H. Ullrich
 Pvt. Patrick Larkin
 Pvt. James J. Stockton
 Pvt. Mathew McGrath

AUGUST 21, 1918

1st Lieutenant Oscar H. Cowan, C.A.N.G. wounded at 6.30 P. M. by High explosive shell burst, pieces of shell entered both legs and his side and the flesh was torn and



1st LIEUTENANT OSCAR H. COWAN, C. A. C.

badly lacerated. This officer had made himself by numerous and friendly acts, the personal friend of every man in the battery, and it was with real grief and a deep sense of loss that his death at 7 P. M. was reported from the hospital. No truer words or more fitting tribute could be paid than the words on his grave, painted on the wooden cross at the head, "1st. Lieutenant Oscar H. Cowan, A Soldier and a Man."

AUGUST 22, 1918

Private William H. Harrington wounded in action by high explosive shell burst, sent to 307th Ambulance Company.

Private James H. Russell wounded in the head by the blow of a pick while digging a dugout at the gun emplacements, was removed to the 307th Ambulance Company.

At 5 P. M. the body of Lieutenant Cowan was buried with military honors.

AUGUST 23, 1918

1st. Lieutenant Winston W. Little C.A.C. was assigned to Battery "D" per S. O. 90 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. August 22, 1918.

AUGUST 24, 1918

Private Earl L. Geer was dropped from the rolls per par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111 General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918, thus reducing the battery strength to 218 men.

Privates Charles Dunn and Samuel Tresser were killed in action at 9.30 P. M. Private Dunn was killed by a shrapnel wound in the head and died almost instantly. Private Tresser received shell splinters in the legs and stomach which caused his death in a short time.

The loss of these two soldiers left 216 men on the roster of the Battery.

AUGUST 25, 1918

In the same action as that of the previous day, the following men were wounded and removed to the 307th Ambulance Company for treatment:

Wagoner John Mark	Private William Barnes
Private 1cl. Frederick Amundsen	Private Leon Benard
Private 1cl. Benjamin Myers	Private Andrew Crawford

AUGUST 28, 1918

Private Andrew Crawford was dropped from the rolls of the battery, in compliance with par. 1 sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918, after notice of his death on August 25, 1918 at 6.40 A. M. from the effects of high explosive shell burst.

There were now but 215 men rostered with this Battery.

AUGUST 31, 1918

The month of August had been a busy and especially hard one for Battery "D". We suffered the first losses in action, including that of our respected officer and friend, Lieutenant Cowan. The Battery was for the first time under shell fire, and gas attacks, the excitement of gun-fire, and air-raids all combined to impress upon this unit the reality of war. Despite these experiences the morale and condition of the men was good, and work, while many times hard and long was carried on with determination and despatch.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1918

The month of September found the Battery still at Marieull-en-Dole, Dept. Aise, France, with the guns firing steadily from position near Lhuys. We began the month with 215 enlisted men.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1918

Three men wounded in action, the previous month,

Private 1cl. William E. Corey,
Private William H. Harrington
Private James H. Russell

were dropped from the rolls upon notice of admittance to Base Hospital No. 101, August 24, 1918, in compliance with par. 1, section VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters(A. E. F., 1918. Our roster now numbered 212 men.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1918

Private Frank H. Gley, carried from duty to absent sick, injured by accidental gun shot wound, not self inflicted, in line of duty, and sent to 306th Ambulance Company dressnig station for treatment.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1918

Order No. 56, Headquarters Third Army Corps, read to entire Battery.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1918

Private Leon Benard, and Wagoner John Mark, wounded in action during the month of August, were dropped from the rolls, (notice having been received of their admittance to S. O. S. hospitals,) by authority of par. 1, sec. VII, G. O., 111, General Headquarters, A. E. F., 1918

After this reduction the enlisted men rostered with the Battery numbered 210.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1918

Notice was received from Base Hospital 202, at Orleans, France, that the following men of this Battery, injured in action of August 19th, had been entered there for treatment:

Private Forrest H. Ullrich
Private Patrick Larkin
Private James J. Stockton

Sergt. Percy Brown
Corp. Peter Kagan
Corp. J. Walter Thompson

These men were therefore dropped from the rolls per par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A. E. F., 1918, and left the enlisted strength of the organization at 204.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1918

The echelon at Mariell-en-Dole, was left at 9.10 P. M. and the Battery travelled by motor truck train to a position in the woods located about ten kilometers from Fere-en-Tardenois, the opposite side of the town from our last position. As the convoy of trucks were lined up and made ready to leave Marieull, a Hun plane was suddenly heard directly overhead, and the order was given to "take cover." Five aerial bombs were dropped but aside from plowing up some already shell-pitted land, had no other effect than to scare us a bit.

We left the place, glad to get out of the muddy road, which was getting steadily worse from truck tracks combined with almost daily rains. Unfortunately the echelon near Fere-en-Tardenois was only worse instead of better, and many trucks were mired.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1918

One more of the men injured in the activities of August was reported as having been received at a Base Hospital. This was Private William Barnes, who was at Base Hospital 28, and under the provisions of par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A. E. F., 1918 was dropped from the rolls. The Battery then numbered 203.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1918

Memorandum, Headquarters 2nd Battalion 56th Artillery, C.A.C. dated September 10, 1918 assigned for duty with the Battery, 2nd. Lieutenant Wilbur G. Dunn, F. A.

The same order detached from this organization, 2nd. Lieutenant John A. Harvey, C.A.C., and assigned this officer to the Battalion as Supply Officer.

Private 1cl. William E. Corey, from dropped from rolls (Sept. 2) to duty per order Regulation Officer A.P.O. 712, September 9, 1918.

The position at woods near Fere-en-Tardenois was vacated at noon, and the Battery proceeded to Epernay. This distance of approximately 42 kilometers was made by hikes;—the guns, kitchens, office and baggage being transported by motors and motor trucks.

Total enlisted men is now 204.

SEPTEMBER 12 TO 15, 1918

Battery was enroute, passing through the towns and cities of Chouilly, Jalons, Chalons sur Marne, Noyers, Triaucourt, Nubecourt, Souilly, Lemmes, Souhesme la Grande, Nixeville.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1918

Arrived at Moulin Brule, Dept. Meuse, at 9.30 P. M. Here again the attentions of the Hun air planes were given, and altho we suffered no casualties, several bombs landed quite close to the echelon and made a comfortable nights sleep out of the question.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1918

This day was spent in locating the men in billets, and arranging supplies and material in the new position.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1918

The four guns, in care of the gun crews, and towed by tractors, arrived at the gun position, and the work of digging emplacements and preparing the gun positions was commenced.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1918

Private 1cl. Benjamin F. Myers, admitted to Base Hospital No. 28, on September 1, 1918, was dropped from the rolls, in accordance with the provisions of par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters A. E. F., 1918. The loss of this man reduced the Battery strength to 203.

At 6 P. M. the guns were hauled into position.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1918

Inspection of barracks, kitchens, men and equipment was made at 10.30 A. M. Despite continual rain, which made the camp site extremely muddy, the general condition of the Battery was found to be "very good."

SEPTEMBER 25, 1918

Special Order No. 94, Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, dated September 23, 1918 transferred from the Battery to the Headquarters Detachment, 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, Pvt. 1cl. Frank Marshall, and after it had been complied with, the total men rostered with this Battery numbered 202.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1918

At 11 P. M. one of the heaviest artillery barrages in which the Battery had participated was begun. The guns, which were in position 2 kilometers from Recicourt, in the Forest-de-Hesse, fired on the targets of Montfaucon, Ivoiry, Epinonville, Cierges. After the barrage, which lasted till late the morning of the 27th many prisoners filed past the gun positions on the way to the rear.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1918

Echelon moved at 10 A. M. from Moulin Brule, to position near Recicourt.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1918

New position for echelon reached at 5 P. M. The roads were especially hard to travel as the rains had covered the ground almost steadily, and many trucks were stuck. The camp site itself was also deep with mud, and made walking tedious and hard.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1918

Corporals Vernon F. Griffin, and Harry C. Fudge from duty to transfer as of P. M. September 27th, per S. O. 95, Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, September 26, 1918, attending Officers Training school at Samur.

Special Order No. 109, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. September 26, 1918 assigned the following eight men from Battery "C" to Battery "D".

Private John N. Carentz	Private Paul M. Gourley
Private Charles J. Carmody	Private Herman Harad
Private Aime Champagne	Private Lelon L. Jeffries
Private William A. George	Private Enno J. Ulmer

After these two changes in the enlisted personel, the Battery had a total strength of 208.

On this night, for the third consecutive time the German air squadrons tried to locate our position with aerial bombs. As on previous nights they came both close and low in altitude, but effected no damage.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1918

Captain Camille Mazeau, C.A.N.G. from duty with Battery to D. S. at Army Officers School at Langres, per S. O. 95, Headquarters Third Army Corp. September 22, 1918.

The following three men to absent sick. All three were medical cases and listed as "fever origin unknown" and the men were sent to the 315th Ambulance Company for treatment:

Private Joseph Paul
Corporal John A. Dahlin
1st Sergeant Ernest L. Bartolucci

No German planes came to worry the men and a good nights sleep resulted.

The month of September saw many changes in the life and position of the Battery. From the Fismes front the activities of Battery "D" were changed to the Argonne Campaign. From the old group of men who had trained in the States, and trained in France together, went many of those who were of material help in the work of the guns. Sergt. Brown as Artillery Chief Mechanic,—

Corporal Kagan as Corporal of a gun crew,—First Sergt. Bartolucci, whose snap and energy were always valuable,—left places that were not easily filled. Many of the gun crews had been re-organized and were naturally somewhat upset, for a few days, by the addition of new men. Our strength was augmented by the transfer of men from other units, and these additions were obviously unfamiliar with the men of the Battery or their ways.

Our officers changed also, yet it was but a short time after their assignment to this organization when men and officers were working together, in a spirit of co-operation that left but a slight break in the efficiency with which the work was despatched.

OCTOBER 2, 1918

October began with two days of firing in counter battery work, and also using as targets the troops and camps of the retreating German army.

OCTOBER 3, 1918

1st. Lieutenant Wilson B. Gaither, C.A.R.C., was relieved from assignment to Battery "D" and assigned to duty with the Air Service, per S. O. 207, General Headquarters, A.E.F., Sept. 24, 1918

Sergeant Edward Michael, was transferred from the Headquarters Company 56th Artillery C.A.C., and assigned to Battery "D" per S. O. 113 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. October 2, 1918. The addition of the Sergeant made the battery number 209 enlisted men.

OCTOBER 5, 1918

The guns were moved from firing position and placed in a new firing position 17 kilometers further north at a location between the towns of Cheppy and Very, which point was reached at 4.30 P. M. Firing began the same evening.

This date marked the first six months period of service for Battery "D" in France and many of the men were proudly wearing the coveted gold service chevron.

OCTOBER 6, 1918

Firing continued night and day, with a range of from 8 to 15 kilometers.

OCTOBER 7, 1918

Private Herman Harad while on S. D. as Battalion orienteur was wounded by the burst of a high explosive shell, near Epinonville, and was evacuated from the first aid dressing station at Very.

OCTOBER 8, 1918

Private Joseph Tirpack was transferred from the Headquarters Company 56th Artillery C.A.C., and assigned to duty with Battery

"D" per S. O. 115, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., Oct. 6. 1918. Battery now numbered 210 enlisted men.

OCTOBER 9, 1918

Privates Charles E. Hackett and Hasket D. Callison assigned to Battery "D" per S. O. 115 Headquarters 56th Artillery CAC., dated October 6, 1918. By the addition of these two men the total strength was increased to 212.

Private William L. Harrison, Private 1cl. Samuel Crowe, and Private William E. Corey were appointed Corporals by par. 3, S. O. 115, Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. October 6, 1918. Enlisted strength 212.

OCTOBER 10, 1918

The echelon was moved at 8 A. M. from position near Recicourt, to the gun emplacements near Cheppy, which place was reached at 11 A. M. Gun number 2 (Sergt. Hogan Chief of section) was reported out of action due to trouble with the recoil cylinders.

Privates Michael Student, and Robert Dragon were transferred from Battery "D" to Headquarters Company (56th Artillery Band) per S. O. No. 115 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. dated October 8, 1918.

The loss of these two soldiers reduced the strength of the Battery to 210.

OCTOBER 12, 1918

Gun number 4, (Sergt. G. A. Stone, chief of section) which went out of action on the Fismes front from a weakened and distended jacket, had been repaired and was returned on this date. It was put into firing position at 4.45 P. M.

Private Joseph Paul admitted to Base Hospital No. 26 and dropped from rolls per par 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111 General Headquarters, A. E. F., 1918

Privates first Class Edmund Peckham and Joseph Dydo assigned to Battery per V. O. Regimental Commander October 10, 1918. After these changes had been made the Battery numbered 211 men.

OCTOBER 13, 1918

Guns numbers 1, (Sergt. Cavin chief of section) and 3, (Sergt. Hamilton chief of section) moved 15 kilometers further towards "Hunland", to a position in the Bois-de-Cierge, on the road from Eclisfontaine to Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, just a short distance from the village of Eclisfontaine,

OCTOBER 14, 1918

A barrage of more than usual intensity on the entire front, in which the guns of the Battery participated was begun on the morning of the 14th at 3 A. M. and lasted till 8.45 A. M. The targets

were the towns of Dun-sur-Meuse, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Bantheville, Bayonville, and Barricourt.

OCTOBER 19, 1918

Notice was received that three men of the Battery had been admitted to Base Hospital No. 202, A.E.F., and in compliance with par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918 the following men were dropped from the rolls:

Private First Class, Frederick Amundsen

Private, Frank H. Gley

Private, Mathew McGrath

There were now 208 enlisted men in the Battery.

OCTOBER 20, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant Carl K. Wirth, F. A. was assigned to duty with the Battery per V.O.C.O. 56th Artillery C.A.C. October 15th, 1918.

OCTOBER 21, 1918

Battery order No. 20, dated October 19, 1918 appointed Sergt. Edward Michael, first sergeant, vice Bartolucci relieved.

OCTOBER 25, 1918

Sergeant Charles Cohen from duty to absent sick, hospital unknown.

Gun No. 2 (Sergt. Hogan chief of section) returned to action after being repaired, and put into gun emplacement with the other three guns.

OCTOBER 26, 1918

Pursuant to instructions of Special Order No. 126 Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. dated October 25, 1918 three men were transferred from the Battery, and three men were transferred from other organizations to Battery "D". These were as follows:
From Battery "D" to Headquarters Company, 56th Artillery:

Private Aime Champagne

Private Enno J. Ulmer

From Battery "D" to Supply Co. 56th Artillery as cook:

Private Francis M. Creech

From Headquarters Company, 56th Artillery to Battery "D":

Private Dewey Demo.

From Supply Co. 56th Artillery to Battery "D":

Private Peter Lassonde

Private Patrick McCormack

OCTOBER 29, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant Carl K. Wirth, F. A. was relieved from assignment with Battery "D" and assigned to duty with Headquarters

Company 56th Artillery C.A.C., per S. O. No. 128 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., dated October 29, 1918.

OCTOBER 30, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant Kyle M. Stevens, F. A. attached for duty with Battery "D" per S.O. 130 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., dated October 28, 1918.

The month of October was in many respects a duplication of the previous month of September. Mud, the ever present and dreaded enemy of heavy artillery was continually causing additional work in getting trucks out of holes, guns out of emplacements, and the echelon moved from one point to another. Rain was not quite so heavy as September supplied, but the need of fires caused wood chopping, and the tending of wood stoves, which were found easily where the Germans had left them.

Changes in both officers and enlisted men were made as sickness and wounds and transfers had necessitated, and yet the general life, work and progress of the organization was well-ordered, and on a high degree of efficiency.

NOVEMBER 1, 1918

Echelon was moved to gun position near Eclisfontaine, which was reached at 7.30 P. M.

November began with a total enlisted roster of 208.

NOVEMBER 2, 1918

Notice being received from the S.O.S. Hospital at Froides France that Sergt. Ernest L. Bartolucci had been admitted to that hospital, he was dropped from the rolls per par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918.

Enlisted strength now numbered 207.

NOVEMBER 4, 1918

2nd. Lieutenant Kyle M. Stevens, F. A. was carried from attached to assigned to Battery "D" per par. 1, S. O. 133, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. dated November 3, 1918.

NOVEMBER 5, 1918

The four guns were taken to a new position near Bayonville, on the Bayonville-Barricourt road, and one gun was put into firing position, when orders were received to go into road position again. All four guns were ready to move at 3 P. M.

Major Harry A. Skinner, C.A.C. was relieved of command of the 2nd Battalion, and Major John A. Hoag, C.A.C., was assigned to duty in command of the same Battalion, per S. O. 134, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. dated, November 5, 1918.

NOVEMBER 6, 1918

Corp. Frank H. Kirk from duty to D. S. per S. O. 106, (par 7) Headquarters 31st, Heavy Artillery Brigade, dated October 24, 1918

NOVEMBER 7, 1918

The Battery guns were moved from position on Bayonville-Barricourt road to the town of Barricourt but all four were left in travelling position. On this day the men of the Battery learned that the armistice between the Allied armies and the United States; and the Army of the Kaiser was under discussion.

NOVEMBER 8, 1918

Two men of the Battery from absent sick to dropped from rolls, per par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918, upon advice that they were admitted to Base Hospitals, as follows:

Sergeant Charles Cohen, to Base Hospital 89

Corporal John A. Dahlin, to Base Hospital 31

Our total strength after these two losses was 205.

NOVEMBER 9, 1918

Sergt. Raymond B. Hamilton injured in action, by being crushed between a tractor and the front limber of Gun No. 3, of which he was in command as chief of section. His injuries were a simple fracture of the arm and dislocated shoulder besides severe bruises. He was admitted to Field Hospital No. 1, and carried from duty to absent sick on the rolls.

Private Nelson Greenwood was also carried absent sick, fever of unknown origin, contracted in the line of duty. Field hospital to which he was sent was unknown.

NOVEMBER 11, 1918

Guns were moved from Barricourt to Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, at 8.30 A. M. and arrived at the latter place at 5 P. M.

At 5.40 A. M. the Armistice was signed between the Allies and the United States, and Germany, and at 10.55 A. M. orders were received on all fronts to "cease firing." The terms of the armistice took effect at 11 A. M.—"the eleventh day of the eleventh month, at the eleventh hour."

Anyone passing along a road near our sector would have instantly known that something unusual was taking place. Very—pistol signals, which called for a barrage not many days before, were now shooting red, green, blue and white lights all along the lines, and cheers and yells were heard on all sides.

NOVEMBER 13, 1918

The echelon was moved from position near Eclisfontaine to an echelon in the Forest-de-Woevre, which place was arrived at 7 P. M. The last named camp site was about two kilometers from

Louppy-sur-Loison.

Major John A. Hoag, C.A.C., was relieved from command of the second Battalion, per V.O.C.O. 56th Artillery C.A.C., November 12, 1918.

Major G. S. Burkett, C.A.C., was assigned to command of the second Battalion per S. O. 140, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., November 12, 1918.

In order to record correctly and clearly the men who were in the Battery at the time it was ordered to cease firing (altho still on the front) the following roster of the Battery numbering 205 enlisted men is incorporated in this history as follows:

OFFICERS:

1st Lieut. Winston W. Little, C. A. C. (Commanding)
 2nd. Lieut. Robert E. Lowe, C. A. C.
 2nd. Lieut. Wilbur G. Dunn, F. A.
 2nd. Lieut. Kyle M. Stevens, F. A.
 Captain Camille Mazeau, C.A.C. (on detached service.)

ENLISTED MEN

First Sergt. Edward Michael
 Supply Sergt. George L. Pearl
 Mess Sergt. George J. Malcolm

SERGEANTS

Leon N. Blanchard
 Robert F. Cavin
 Raymond B. Hamilton
 John Hogan
 Harry B. Mayberry
 David McLeish
 Charles C. Rapp
 George A. Stone
 George D. Stone
 Clarence M. Whitten

CORPORALS

Andrew Apostolle
 Frederick Bauer
 Joseph Brongno
 Frank J. Chapp
 Joseph Cormier
 William E. Corey
 Samuel Crowe
 Harold S. Curtis
 Arthur DeForest
 George O. Dunn
 Alexander C. Field
 William L. Harrison

Channing P. Huntington
 Ovide Jarvis
 Frank H. Kirk
 Charles B. Krom
 James V. O'Meara
 Everett W. Pierce
 Henry Roberge
 Charles F. Robitaille
 Ashton Sanford
 Alvin Sayre

COOKS

Harry F. Carr
 Alfred Wm. Hill
 Michael McShane
 Walter W. Murphy

BUGLERS

David C. Hebert
 Edgar Mathiew
 Andrew Yobby

WAGONERS

Francis J. Barrett
 Lawrence C. Barringer
 Theophile J. Bernier, Jr.

Wagoners (continued)

William M. Bond
 Michael Cantillo
 Frederick Cotron
 Joseph O. Cournoyer
 Lionel L. Dupuis
 Adolph D. Jarvis
 Roy E. Merrifield
 Raymond Paddock
 John F. Purvis
 Russell N. Putnam
 Arthur L. Reid
 Clifford Leroy Ryan
 Arthur Shepard
 Albin B. Walli:
 Albert E. Young
 Herman Zeitlen

MECHANICS

Harvie A. Benoit
 George T. Hatter
 Lodore Poirier
 Frank Retallick

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Wallace C. Ackerly
 Edgar R. Barker
 Alfred H. Benoit
 Henry Bourque
 Clinton A. Burdick
 Horace Burr
 Charles W. Burt
 Joseph N. Butler
 Samuel Chabotte
 Leo M. Collins
 John J. Cooney
 Elzeir Ctnoir
 Joseph Corbeille
 Patrick W. Driscoll
 Joseph Dydo
 Joseph Ferrigno
 Donat B. Fournier
 Edgar Gobeille
 Norman E. Harvey
 Joseph E. Heselton
 Arthur J. Hildebrandt
 Herbert E. Hopkins
 Charles W. Huntley
 William J. Jarvis
 Merrill R. Keith

Lucien Lambert
 Joseph Lorette
 Robert MacFarland Jr.
 Lorenzo Mappa
 Eugene Mercier
 Emile Meunier
 David O. Mills
 Ovela Mitchell
 George Reynolds Nadolny
 Hillary Narusewick
 Floyd Nettleton
 Edmund J. Peckham
 John A. Petroski
 Thomas J. Riordan
 Omer Senecal
 John J. Shea
 James R. Snedeker
 Hunter L. Stallworth
 Frank A. Starr
 Francis R. Thomas
 Walter R. Thomas
 Thomas Whalen
 Leslie Withnell

PRIVATE

Jesse Alexander
 Odilon Aubin
 Robert K. Bard
 George H. Bartlett
 Wyman C. Bartlett
 Henry C. Berlin
 Leodore Boulais
 William H. Bouley
 Louis Bousquet
 William Bousquet
 William S. Bradley
 Louis Brunet
 Martin F. Burns
 Haskett D. Callison
 John N. Carentz
 Charles J. Carmody
 John B. Charon
 Ulderic Chenette
 Emile F. Cote
 Alphonse Courchaine
 William H. Cully
 Dewey Demo
 Adalard T. DeForest
 Steve W. Denis
 Clarence E. Farrar



1st LIEUTENANT WILSON B. GAITHER, C. A. C.

Privates (continued)

Grover C. Gatlin
 Thomas D. Gauthier
 Henry Gazette
 William A. George
 Adams W. Goscinsky
 Nelson Greenwood
 Charles E. Hackett
 Herman Harad
 Herman Hillman
 Cornelious R. Hoelck
 Earl J. Hubbell
 Harvey H. Jarvis
 Leon L. Jeffries
 Albert W. Jones
 Henry Keil
 George A. Keisler
 Earl C. Kimball
 Earle E. King
 Horace A. Knight
 Peter Lassonde
 Andrew LeBlanc
 James Leon
 Antonio LiPira
 Prosper M. Lorette
 Franz C. Mager
 Fred J. Mason
 John Mayhew
 William Mayhew
 Patrick McCormack
 John Edward McKenna
 Robert R. Meurer
 Byron Meurlott
 Viktor T. Mikionis

Peter Myers
 Edward Chas. Murray
 Rudolph C. Olsen
 Stefan Osinski
 Leo Peloquin
 Charles J. Patridge
 Maurice E. Patridge
 Alfred Parent
 Cyrus Parrigin
 Norbert Patenaude
 Jack Percell
 Harold F. Petersen
 Albert Piette
 Ernest H. Pike
 Charles L. Pohlman
 John Rayner
 Steve Reil Jr.
 Louis Rogan
 Henry E. Rousseau
 Edward J. Salvas
 Frederick Seeley
 Edward Sennett
 Harry Wilson Smith
 Edwin W. Snell
 John L. Sullivan
 Louis Susteen
 Joseph Tirpack
 George Tudor
 William B. Valetto
 James W. Walker
 Joseph Wargo
 Simon Washburn
 Napoleon Yates
 Paul M. Gourley

NOVEMBER 14, 1918

1st Lieutenant Winston W. Little, C.A.C., promoted to rank of Captain, per S.O., No. 106, General Headquarters, A.E.F., November 2, 1918.

Privates Dewey Demo and Charles E. Hackett from duty to absent sick since November 12, Field Hospital unknown.

1st Lieut. Wilson B. Gaither, C.A.C. formerly of this Battery was killed while resting in a chateau near Montfaucon. His part in our Battery life was of short duration yet important, as he gave many hours to training while at Clermont Ferrand, and Lempdes. "We are going thru Hell—and we must go thru smiling and come out with a smile"—has been remembered by all the men, with appreciation.

NOVEMBER 15, 1918

2nd. Lieut. Wilbur G. Dunn, F. A. appointed 1st Lieutenant C. A. C., per S. O. 313 General Headquarters, A.E.F., November 9, 1918. Corp. Frank H. Kirk from D. S. to duty per par. 7, S. O. 106, Headquarters 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade, dated October 24, 1918.

NOVEMBER 16, 1918

2nd Lieutenant Robert E. Lowe, C.A.C. appointed first Lieutenant C.A.C., per S. O. 264 General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918 September 21, 1918.

General Order No. 203, General Headquarters, A.E.F., dated November 12, 1918, was read to the entire Battery at retreat roll-call and a copy is herewith made:

General Headquarters
American Expeditionary Forces

General Orders
No. 203

France, Nov. 12, 1918

The enemy has capitulated. It is fitting that I address myself in thanks directly to the officers and soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces who by their heroic efforts have made possible this glorious result. Our armies, hurriedly raised and hastily trained, met a veteran enemy, and by courage, discipline and skill, always defeated him. Without complaint you have endured incessant toil, privation and danger. You have seen many of your comrades make the supreme sacrifice that freedom may live. I thank you for the patience and courage with which you have endured. I congratulate you upon the splendid fruits of victory which your heroism and the blood of our gallant dead are now presenting to our nation. Your deeds will live forever on the most glorious pages of America's history.

These things you have done. Now there remains a harder task which will test your soldierly qualities to the utmost. Succeed in this and little note will be taken and few praises sung; fail, and the light of your glorious achievements will sadly be dimmed. But you will not fail. Every natural tendency may urge towards relaxation in discipline, in conduct, in appearance, in everything that marks the soldier. Yet you will remember that each officer and each soldier is the representative in Europe of his people and that his brilliant deeds of yesterday permit no action of today to pass unnoticed by friend or by foe. You will meet this test as gallantly as you have met the tests of the battlefield. Sustained by your high ideals and inspired by the heroic part you have played, you will carry back to our people the proud consciousness of a new Americanism born of sacrifice.

Whether you stand on hostile territory or the friendly soil of

France, you will so bear yourself in discipline, appearance and respect for all other civil rights that you will confirm for all the time the pride and love which every American feels for your uniform and you.

JOHN J. PERSHING

General, Commander in Chief

Official:

Robert G. Davis,
Adjutant General.

NOVEMBER 17, 1918

Battery Order No. 22, November 16, 1918 appointed Private Paul M. Gourley to the grade of Private first class.

Private Herman Harad, admitted to Base Hospital No. 25, and dropped from the rolls per par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918.

The loss of this soldier reduced the total enlisted strength to 204.

NOVEMBER 20, 1918

Inspection by the regimental commander, Colonel J. J. Long, C.A.C., at 10.30 A. M.

NOVEMBER 21, 1918

The four gun sections of about 60 men in charge of 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Lowe, C.A.C., left the echelon at 8.30 A. M. and proceeded by trucks to Clery-le-Petite to transport guns and material from that place to Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

Corp. Harold S. Curtis, from duty to D. S. at Army Gas School Langres, France per S.O. 147, Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. dated November 20, 1918.

NOVEMBER 22, 1918

Following four men dropped from the rolls per telegram No. 6125, Adjutant General A.E.F., November 20, 1918.

Sergt. Raymond B. Hamilton	Pvt. Dewey Demo
Pvt. Nelson Greenwood	Pvt. Charles E. Hackett

The loss of these four men left the enlisted total number on the Battery roster at 200.

NOVEMBER 23, 1918

Wagoner Francis J. Barrett sustained a broken ankle resulting from an injury to his foot by being crushed under the caterpillar band of a tractor and in compliance with telegram No. 6125 Adjutant General A.E.F. dated November 20, 1918 he was dropped from the rolls of the Battery, and sent to the Hospital at Chouilly for treatment. The roster now totaled 199 men.

NOVEMBER 24, 1918

All trucks were washed and thoroughly cleaned in readiness for travel.

Two General Orders issued to the Army are here copied for their value as a record:

Headquarters Army Artillery, 1st Army.
American E. F. France.

December 7, 1918.

General Order No. 29.

TO THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY ARTILLERY, FIRST ARMY, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

With the concentration of the Headquarters 31st, 32nd and 39th Heavy Artillery Brigades; the 44th, 51st, 55th, 56th, 57th, 59th 60th and 65th Regiments, C.A.C.; the Army Artillery Park; and the 52nd and 53rd Ammunition Trains, in the 18th Artillery Training Area, preparatory to an early return to the United States, and the detachment of the Headquarters 66th Brigade F.A., and the 146th and the 148th Regiments Field Artillery for duty elsewhere, the active service of the Army Artillery, First Army, American Expeditionary Forces, as such comes to a close.

The undersigned has only recently been intrusted with the Army Artillery, First Army, but he has had an opportunity for closely observing the work of these units during the period of active operations, and is familiar with the opinion of the former Commanding General Army Artillery, Major General Edward F. McGlachlin, Jr., U. S. Army relative to the service.

The mission intrusted to you by your country has been ably performed. It has been rendered at all times with a spirit of cheerful and steadfast self sacrifice, under conditions of continual hardship and danger. That a good state of discipline has existed under trying situations is clearly shown by the limited number of trials by court-martial, of the few absentees and stragglers reported at surprise musters, and by the conditions ascertained from inspections ordered by these headquarters.

The results obtained in the sense of service well performed, is the best and most lasting reward. To that no words can add and none can detract. Nevertheless, I desire to express my personal appreciation and thanks to the men of the above mentioned units who have so loyally and efficiently served in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. I trust that each one will continue to maintain the high standard of efficiency and conduct that his characterized his service in the American Expeditionary Forces and that every Officer and soldier will undertake with the same

fine spirit exhibited in the past few months, the important duties yet to be performed before the mission is finally completed.

I heartily concur in the following remarks of the Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in a recent report to the Secretary of War:

"Finally I pay the supreme tribute to our officers and soldiers of the line. When I think of their heroism, their patience under hardship, their unflinching spirit of offensive action, I am filled with emotions which I am unable to express. Their deeds are immortal and they have earned the eternal gratitude of our Country."

W. S. McNAIR,
Major General, U. S. A.

The second is as follows:

HEADQUARTERS

31st Heavy Artillery Brigade

27 November 1918

General Order No. 33

1. The Brigade Commander takes just pride in publishing the following letter to the troops of this command. He desires that each officer and enlisted man be acquainted with the contents of this letter:

Headquarters, Fifth Army Corps
American Expeditionary Forces

France, November 19, 1918

From: Commanding General, Fifth Army Corps.

To : Brigadier General W. C. Davis, Commanding
31st Brigade C. A. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. I desire to extend to you and to the officers and soldiers of your Brigade my sincere thanks and high appreciation of the excellent service which you have recently rendered while acting as Corps Heavy Artillery of this Corps.

2. Notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions, which made travel over the roads of the sector occupied by the Corps, extremely difficult, especially for Artillery of Heavy calibre, you have displayed the greatest energy in keeping these heavy pieces at the forefront of battle, and have occupied positions from which

the Metz-Mezieres railroad was brought under interdiction fire, enabling us in this manner to practically cut this important communication of the enemy.

3. The prompt and cheerful response to all requests for fire and the general attitude of cooperation manifested by your command are in every way commendable and are indicative of the spirit of teamwork that has been the crowning element of our success.

C. P. SUMMERALL,

Major General, Commanding.

By Command of Brigadier General Davis,

R. S. Stewart, Capt. Adjt.

NOVEMBER 25, 1918

On this date the long trip to the rear was begun and despite the work required to prepare the trucks and equipment for travel, the men were gay and happy as they realized that this was the first of many steps that were leading us home again.

First call sounded at 4.45 A. M. and breakfast was served at 5.00 A. M. Battery "D" left camp in the woods near Loupy, at 8 A. M. and reached the former echelon near Eclisfontaine at 2.10 P. M. Here we billeted for the night in the old familiar wooden barracks.

NOVEMBER 26, 1918

At 6.45 A. M. the travel was resumed and the truck convoy travelled thru Locheres and Varennes, to Clermont-en-Argonne, which place was reached at 11.45 A. M. Here we billeted in typical French stone houses for the night.

NOVEMBER 27, 1918

Clermont-en-Argonne was left at 6 A. M. and again we travelled southward (towards Bar-le-Duc) but reached the town of Deuxnouds at 10.30 A. M. and were furnished quarters there.

NOVEMBER 28, 1918

Thanksgiving Day was spent at Deuxnouds, and while the usual Turkey dinner was lacking, still roast beef, turnips, gravy, white bread, and butter, filled the demand and was a treat after the hardtack and "Corned Bill" that were so common on the front. Joking and singing the Battery left Deuxnouds at 2.10 P. M. and passed thru the towns of Longeville, Savonniere, Morley, Dammarié, and late at night were travelling thru the streets of Bar-le-Duc.

NOVEMBER 29, 1918

After driving steadily all the previous afternoon and evening, then all that night, we arrived at Daillancourt, Haute Marne, at 1 P. M. and were billeted in French houses and barns, which were much cleaner and more comfortable than those we usually found.

NOVEMBER 30, 1918

Two of our former men, Privates Nelson Greenwood and John F. Bodner returned to the Battery, and by Verbal authority of the Commanding Officer 56th Artillery were assigned to duty. The Battery strength was thus increased to 201.

November will be remembered as witnessing the end of hostilities. The dangers of the battle areas were ended, the Battery was taken to a warmer and more populated district, and the anticipation of a return to the States in the near future, combined to give all the men a more cheerful and pleasant outlook.

DECEMBER 1, 1918

The task of cleaning and oiling guns, tractors and trucks, and the cleaning of equipment of all kinds was begun.

Private Cyrus Parrigin appointed Wagoner by Battery Order No. 24, dated December 1, 1918.

DECEMBER 2, 1918

The following men being assigned to the Battery by S. O. 152 Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. Dec. 1, 1918 the strength of the organization was increased to 208:

Private John O. Clement
Private Milton Crews
Private Ernest Cunningham
Private Albert F. Demoss
Private Paul O. Graham
Private Kinchley Scott
Private Peter Linos

All guns, gun material, trucks and tractors were finally cleaned and oiled and prepared for the inspection prior to turning them over to the Ordinance Department.

DECEMBER 3, 1918

2nd Lieutenant Standish Meacham C.A.C. assigned to Battery per S. O. 152, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C. dated December 1, 1918.

Inspection of guns and material by Col. James J. Long, Commanding 56th Regiment C.A.C. and an officer of the Ordinance Branch of the Inspector General's Department, A.E.F.

Wagoner John F. Purvis, from duty to dropped from rolls, by authority of par. 1, sec. VII, G. O. 111, General Headquarters,

A.E.F., 1918. He was admitted to Base hospital No. 15, for treatment of accidental gasoline burns of a severe degree. His loss made our roster total 207.

DECEMBER 4, 1918

Our strength was again increased, by the addition of the following five men, to a total of 212:

Corporal John A. Dahlin

Sergeant Thomas A. Little

Corporal Peter Kagan

Sergeant Francis Sheerin

Sergeant Milton R. Jordan

Personal equipment was checked and helmets and gas masks were turned in, and the office paper work was checked.

DECEMBER 5, 1918

Office records inspected by Lieut. Col. Donavan, 56th Artillery C.A.C. The tractors and guns were parked in the Artillery park near Blaise, at 3 P. M.

DECEMBER 6, 1918

Infantry drill lasting one hour was held at 2.30 P. M.

Private Patrick Larkin, previously wounded in action, returned to the Battery and was assigned by par. 11, S.O. 302, Headquarters Army Artillery 1st Army dated December 4, 1918. Strength is now 213.

DECEMBER 7, 1918

The 55th and 56th Artillery Regiments, C.A.C. were reviewed at parade held at 9.30 A. M. in the field near Blaise, by Col. Long, Commanding 56th Artillery C.A.C.

DECEMBER 8, 1918

Brigade parade at 1 P. M. at field near Blaise. The Brigade was reviewed by Brigadier General W. C. Davis, Commanding and the Regiments in line were the 55th, 56th, 57th and 60th C.A.C. The last mentioned regiment was attached to the Brigade for the time we were to be in the 18th Artillery Area.

DECEMBER 9, 1918

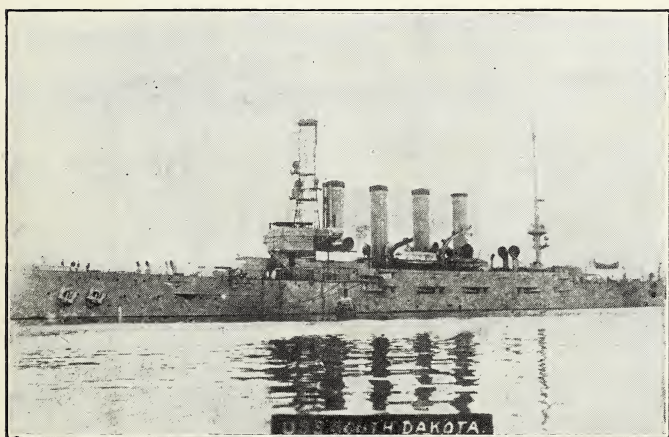
Corporal Frank J. Chapp, from duty to dropped from rolls, and admitted to Mobile Hospital No. 11 at Don Jeau, for treatment for fever and pleurisy.

The enlisted men now number 212.

An infantry drill with full packs was held at 3 P. M. and lasted till 4 P. M.

DECEMBER 10, 1918

Captain Camille Mazeau, C.A.C. from D.S. at Army School



Langres, to dropped from rolls, per par 3, G. O. 179, General Headquarters, A.E.F., dated October 14th, 1918.

A short infantry drill was held in the morning and a Battalion parade in light marching order was held at 2.00 in the afternoon.

DECEMBER 13, 1918

Battery "D" was inspected in full marching order at 10.30 A. M. on the Battery parade by Major G. S. Burket C.A.C. commanding 2nd Battalion.

The strength of the Battery was reduced by the loss of three men to 209. Corporal Harold S. Curtis, was dropped from the rolls, being at Gas school, under authority of G.O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918. Privates first class Arthur J. Hildebrandt, and James R. Snedeker from duty with Battery to transfer to Q. M. Corps per S. O. No. 10 Headquarters 18th Artillery Area, dated December 11, 1918.

DECEMBER 14, 1918

Left Daillancourt, Haute Marne, at 9 A. M. by motor trucks and travelled the 11 kilometers to Vignory, where the Battery entrained on freight cars at 2.10 P. M. for Brest.

Corporal Frank J. Chapp from dropped from rolls to duty with Battery per Verbal Orders Commanding Officer Mobile Hospital No. 11. There was a total strength of enlisted men of 210 after this soldier rejoined the organization.

DECEMBER 15-16, 1918

Enroute by train.

DECEMBER 17, 1918

Detrained at Brest, at 2 A. M. and hiked the distance to Pontanezen Barracks and Camp in heavy marching order. The Battery detrained in a pouring rain, and the roads were slippery with mud. Upon reaching tents at the Camp, the men were all quite wet, tired, and cold, and without fires in wet tents that leaked, and on a camp site that was extremely muddy, they made the best of it and rolled in at 4.40 A. M. for a much needed sleep.

DECEMBER 18, 1918

On this date began the life at Brest Camp which was a most trying time for the Battery. It rained almost every day during the entire two first weeks, and the roads, and camp streets soon became one sea of mud. Men went days at a time with wet feet, and no way to build fires to dry them. Details were sent out and often returned wet thru, and no fires to warm either their tents or the men, or to dry clothes.

DECEMBER 19, 1918

Corporal William L. Harrison from duty to transfer to C.A.C.

unassigned per telegram No. 62, Headquarters 18th Artillery Area, December 17th, 1918. Corporal Harrison voluntarily offered to remain in France to assist in the embarkation and especially the office work connected with the troop movements at Brst.

DECEMBER 20, 1918

The weather continued to be most unpleasant. Rain increased the already heavy mud, and turned the roads and streets into mud lanes that made walking and working, tiresome and fatiguing.

The embarkation lists were checked in the office of the Personal Adjutant, Pontanezen Camp, and the Battery was placed on the sailing list.

DECEMBER 21, 1918

Captain Winston W. Little, C.A.C. was relieved from duty with the Battery by S. O. 350 Headquarters Base Section No. 5, S. O. S. December 20, 1918.

Captain Little from the time of his assignment to the Battery, August 23, to his leaving the organization was admired and respected by the men. His example of coolness and his direction under fire, and the attention he gave to the care and comfort of the men were appreciated, and his transfer to perform duties in France was regretted.

1st Lieut. Robert E. Lowe assumed command of the Battery.

As on previous days, working details returned to the tents wet thru, and found no facilities for the drying of clothes, or blankets, or warming and drying the men themselves.

DECEMBER 24, 1918

Camp Inspectors from the Base Section No. 5, S.O.S. gave Battery "D" a physical inspection at 10.30 A. M.

DECEMBER 25, 1918

Christmas Day was spent at Brest Camp. The day started as usual with rain, which changed to a short hail storm, then back to a drizzle that was half fog. Christmas dinner consisted of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, coffee and bread and butter, and altho this gave us a good dinner, many comments were heard about "what the folks at home were eating."

Each man received from the Y.M.C.A. hut, a Christmas box containing a bar of nut chocolate, one box of Tuxedo tobacco, and two packages of cigarettes. Besides this the Battery Fund supplied candy, cheese and jam to each man.

Despite the orders that much work would be omitted on Sundays and holidays, the Battery supplied a detail of about 30 men and 5 non-coms who coaled ships in the harbor from the morning of December 24th to the afternoon of December 26th.

Corporals Harry C. Fudge and Vernon F. Griffin who left September 29th to attend the Artillery School at Samur, were returned to duty with the organization by S. O. 167, Headquarters 56th Artillery C.A.C., December 25, 1918.

DECEMBER 26, 1918

Camp Inspectors, Base Section No. 5, inspected the equipment at 10.30 A. M.

Private 1st Class Leo M. Collins reduced to the grade of Private per Battery Order No. 25, December 26, 1918.

DECEMBER 31, 1918

The tents at Pontanezan Camp were vacated at noon and the Battery was moved to quarters in wooden billets nearer the old barracks. Here we found dry shelter, clean billets, and were furnished with bedsacks filled with cork shavings. Stoves in the billets also added greatly to the comfort of the men.

December was a busy month. The equipment, such as guns, gun material, trucks, tractors and much smaller equipment were turned over and left in France. From the 18th Artillery Area, the station of the Battery changed to the Embarkation port of Brest. The holiday season came, with not much cheer except the promise of an early departure for the United States. The conditions at the camp, which were bad for the spirits of the men, seemed to have little effect on the health of the Battery, as few men were on Sick Report, and what small number did report were for colds, or trivial sickness.

JANUARY 1, 1919

A Battery inspection was held at 9.30 A. M. by Col. James J. Long, C.A.C.

As before, the event of the New Year came with no special significance to the men, other than work. A detail of 12 non-commissioned officers, 144 privates, in charge of 1st Lieut. Wilbur G. Dunn, C.A.C., reported December 30, 1918 at the docks, and were taken out into the harbor and assigned to the coaling of three ships, the "President Grant," a former German vessel, the "St. Louis" a cruiser of the U. S. Navy, and a small German, the "Beauford." This detail was at work from December 30, to January 3, and stories of the fine treatment of the Navy officers and men, and the excellent meals and ample hot coffee, were narrated by the men after their return to the barracks.

JANUARY 4, 1919

Another of the numerous inspections of the camp, men and equipment, was held, with Col. James J. Long, C.A.C., Commanding 56th Artillery, inspecting.

Private Robert R. Meurer, was transferred from sick in hospital to dropped from rolls, by authority of G.O. 111, General Headquarters, A.E.F., 1918. Private Meurer was left at Base Hospital No. 33, Base Section No. 5, Brest, with a slight case of pneumonia. While it was regretted to leave a soldier, when so near to departing for home, it is surely nothing short of remarkable that the health of the Battery was so good in conditions that existed. Many of the boys remarked that "it was a hard bunch to kill," and the training, and life on the battle areas were largely responsible for the fine physical condition of the organization.

JANUARY 5, 1919

Preparations for embarking were made. The Battery received issues of new clothing, shoes and other equipment, and bathing facilities were provided.

JANUARY 6, 1919

Three of the Battery officers, 1st Lieut. Wilbur G. Dunn, C.A.C., 2nd. Lieut. Kyle M. Stevens F. A., and 2nd. Lieut. Standish Meacham C.A.C., were carried from present for duty to absent enroute to the United States, and ordered to join Battery "E" 56th Artillery, C.A.C. which organization was unable to return with the 56th Regiment, C.A.C.

Battery left Pontanezen Barracks, Brest, France at 7 A. M. and hiked the muddy road to the docks at Brest. Lighters transported the men with packs, and the baggage of the officers and Batteries. The docks were left at 9.20 A. M. and the men stepped onto the deck of the U.S.S. "South Dakota" at 10.30 A. M. which vessel was anchored just outside the breakwater in the harbor. The anchor was weighed at 11.45 A. M. and the trip home actually begun.

Two principal reasons combined to create the joy that was evident from songs, whistles, jokes; and the laughs that were on every face. One was the realization that we were really "going home"—the other was from the relief experienced in leaving the mud, wet and work of that Embarkation Camp at Brest. It is doubtful which gave the greatest pleasure.

JANUARY 7, 1919

At sea. Heavy storms and a high sea were causing bad sailing and we were told that this was common to the Bay of Biscay, and would continue till we came to the open sea.

JANUARY 8, 1919

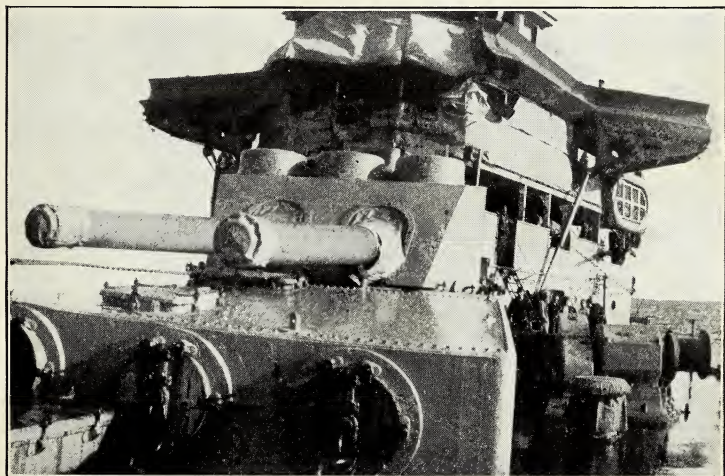
At sea. Continued high winds, heavy seas, and rain.

JANUARY 9, 1919

At sea. A particularly high wave came aboard, and damaged the bridge. The railing surrounding the wheel houses was bent



PART OF THE MEN OF BATTERY "D" ON THE
U. S. S "SOUTH DAKOTA"



SHOWING DAMAGE TO BRIDGE—STORM OF JAN. 9, 1919

and torn loose, the wheel house washed out of position and smashed, and the navigating officer injured by a blow on the head from parts of the wood work that struck him. The ship turned and ran with the storm, till at 11 P. M. at night we were 50 miles from the coast of Spain, and the officers of the ship told us that we were 10 miles further from New York City than when we left Brest, despite the two days and two nights of travel. A western and southerly direction was resumed at 11 P. M.

JANUARY 10, 1919

At sea.

JANUARY 11, 1919

At sea. Passed the island of St. Miguel, one of the Azores Islands, at 2 P. M. Here again the excellent treatment accorded us by both officers and men of the "South Dakota" was demonstrated. Chaplain L. C. Harris, U.S.N., had prepared a sheet, which he read, giving historical and geographic details describing the island and telling us before time the hour at which we would sight the highest mountain peak. So nearly was the time predicted that at 2.10 P. M. we were approaching the island. An excellent view was had as the ship ran somewhat closely to the island.

JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 17, 1919

At sea. Good weather had been our fortune the previous day, and sunny skies and warm days continued till we landed. The navy life on the boat was an experience both instructive and enjoyable. Every possible courtesy was extended to the men of the 56th Regiment by the ship's complement, both officers and men. Meals were ample, and exceptionally well prepared, and diversions, amusements and frolics were daily occurrences. Movies were shown every fair night on the quarter-deck, deck quoits consumed many idle hours, and two nights were occupied with minstrels. The "navy night" created much laughter, and the "army night" was considered so good, that the officers requested it be repeated on the following evening for the commissioned officers both Army and Navy.

JANUARY 18, 1919

The anchor was dropped at Quarantine, Staten Island, New York Harbor, at 9 A. M. After a brief inspection by Quarantine officials, the battle-ship steamed up the North River, accompanied by reception boats, with bands playing, and handkerchiefs waving, and docked at 12.20 noon, at Pier No. 4, North River, the Army transport pier. The Battery boarded the ferry "General Weston," at 4.50 P. M. from Pier No. 3, North River and were taken to the railroad pier at Long Island City at 6 P. M. After a short wait, during which time the Red Cross Canteen supplied cake and

hot coffee to the men, a train was boarded and the Battery arrived at Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y., at 7 P. M.

The Battery numbered 210 enlisted men, and 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Lowe, C.A.C. who was in command was the only officer; when we embarked for the United States. As a record of those returning with the organization, a copy of the Embarkation list with a change to list the men both by grade, and by alphabetical arrangement, is here made:—

First Sergt. Edward Michael

Supply Sergt. George L. Pearl

Mess Sergt. George J. Malcolm

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Leon N. Blanchard

Robert F. Cavin

John Hogan

Milton R. Jordan

Thomas A. Little

Harry B. Mayberry

David McLeish

Charles C. Rapp

Francis Sheerin

George A. Stone

George D. Stone

Clarence M. Whitten

CORPORALS

Andrew Apostolle

Frederick Bauer

Joseph Brongno

Frank J. Chapp

William E. Corey

Joseph Cormier

Samuel Crowe

John A. Dahlin

Arthur DeForest

George O. Dunn

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Harry C. Fudge

Vernon F. Griffin

Channing P. Huntington

Ovide Jarvis

Peter Kagan

Frank H. Kirk

Charles B. Krom

James V. O'Meara

Everett W. Pierce

Henry Roberge

Charles F. Robitaille

Ashton Sanford

Alvin Sayre

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Harvie A. Benoit

George T. Hatter

Lodore Poirier

Frank Retallick

COOKS

Harry F. Carr

Alfred Wm. Hill

Michael McShane

Walter W. Murphy

WAGONERS

Lawrence C. Barringer

Theophile J. Bernier, Jr.

William M. Bond

Frederick Cotron

Joseph O. Cournoyer

Lionel L. Dupuis

Roy E. Merrifield

Adolph D. Jarvis

Raymond Paddock

Cyrus Parrigin

Russell N. Putnam

Arthur L. Reid

Clifford Leroy Ryan

Arthur Shepard

Frank A. Starr

Albin B. Wallin

Albert E. Young

Herman Zeitlen

BUGLERS

David C. Hebert

Edgar Mathiew

Andrew Yobby

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 Alfred H. Benoit
 Henry Bourque
 Clinton A. Burdick
 Horace Burr
 Charles W. Burt
 Joseph N. Butler
 Michael Cantillo
 Samuel Chabotte
 John J. Cooney
 Joseph Corbeille
 Elzear Cotnoir
 Patrick W. Driscoll
 Joseph Dydo
 Joseph Ferrigno
 Donat B. Fournier
 Edgar Gobeille
 Paul M. Gourley
 Norman E. Harvey
 Joseph E. Heselton
 Herbert E. Hopkins
 Charles W. Huntley
 William J. Jarvis
 Merrill R. Keith
 Lucien Lambert
 Joseph Lorette
 Robert MacFarland Jr.
 Lorenzo Mappa
 Eugene Mercier
 Emile Meunier
 David O. Mills
 Ovela Mitchell
 George Reynolds Nadolny
 Hillary Narusewick
 Floyd Nettleton
 Edmund J. Peckham
 John A. Petroski
 Thomas J. Riordan
 Omer Senecal
 John J. Shea
 Hunter L. Stallworth
 Francis R. Thomas
 Walter R. Thomas
 Thomas Whalen
 Leslie Withnell

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Jesse Alexander

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 Martin F. Burns
 Haskett D. Callison
 John N. Carentz
 Charles J. Carmody
 John B. Charon
 Ulderic Chenette
 John O. Clements
 Leo M. Collins
 Emile F. Cote
 Alphonse Courchaine
 Milton Crews
 William H. Cully
 Earnest Cunningham
 Adalard T. DeForest
 Albert Demecs
 Steve W. Denis
 Clarence E. Farrar
 Grover C. Gatlin
 Thomas D. Gauthier
 Henry Gazette
 William A. George
 Adams W. Goscinsky
 Paul O. Graham
 Nelson Greenwood
 Herman Hillman
 Cornelious R. Hoelck
 Earl J. Hubbell
 Harvey H. Jarvis
 Leon L. Jeffries
 Albert W. Jones
 Henry Keil
 George A. Keisler
 Earl C. Kimball
 Earle E. King
 Horace A. Knight
 Patrick Larkin
 Peter Lassonde
 Andrew LeBlanc

Privates (continued)

James Leon
 Peter Linos
 Antonio LiPira
 Prosper M. Lorette
 Franz C. Mager
 Fred J. Mason
 John Mayhew
 William Mayhew
 Patrick McCormack
 John Edward McKenna
 Byron Meurlott
 Edward Chas. Murray
 Viktor T. Mikionis
 Peter Myers
 Rudolph C. Olsen
 Stefan Osinski
 Alfred Parent
 Norbert Patenaude
 Charles J. Patridge
 Maurice E. Patridge
 Leo Peloquin
 Jack Percell

Harold F. Petersen
 Albert Piette
 Ernest H. Pike
 Charles L. Pohlman
 John Rayner
 Steve Reil Jr.
 Louis Rogan
 Henry E. Rousseau
 Edward J. Salvas
 Kinchley Scott
 Frederick Seeley
 Edward Sennett
 Harry Wilson Smith
 Edwin W. Snell
 John L. Sullivan
 Louis Susteen
 Joseph Tirpack
 George Tudor
 William B. Valetto
 James W. Walker
 Joseph Wargo
 Simon Washburn
 Napoleon Yates

Private Albert F. Demoss, from duty to transfer to hospital, Port of Debarkation, per order Surgeon, Port of Debarkation, January 18, 1919. Private Demoss had a slight case of mumps.

2nd. Lieutenant Kyle M. Stevens, F. A. from absent enroute to U. S., to duty with Battery. Lieutenant Stevens came across with the Casual Officers, on the U.S.S. "Montana", which docked a few hours after the U.S.S. "South Dakota."

JANUARY 19, 1919

Private John E. McKenna from duty to sick in hospital per order Surgeon, Base Hospital, Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y. Private McKenna had a slight fever.

2nd. Lieutenant Carl K. Wirth, F. A., assigned to Battery "D" per S. O. No. 3, Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. Jan. 19, 1919.

JANUARY 20, 1919

Private John E. McKenna from sick in hospital to transfer to Base Hospital, Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y., by order of the Surgeon.

JANUARY 21, 1919

The whole Battery experienced the pleasure of being deloused, which operation began at 11 A. M. and required about one hour and a half. First the clothes, blankets and extra clothing, were subjected to a steaming in "cootie ovens" under a pressure of 80 pounds, and a temperature of 267 degrees. While this was being

done, the men were allowed to take a hot bath, and after this process had been completed "our bosom friends" were noticeable by their absence.

JANUARY 22, 1919

Battery left Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y., at 9 A. M. and were carried by train to Long Island City, where we arrived at 11.30 A. M. After more of that acceptable "Red Cross Cake" the men were marched on board the ferry "General Weston" at the pier at Long Island City, and sailed up the river to Fort Schuyler, N. Y. where we debarked at 4.30 P. M. The men were furnished billets in cantonments.

JANUARY 23-24, 1919

Regular garrison duties. Work was begun on the paper work connected with discharging the men. Some of the equipment was turned in to the Quartermaster at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

JANUARY 26, 1919

The Battery was paid for the month of December at 4.10 P. M. Total strength of enlisted men 208.

JANUARY 27, 1919

Regular garrison duties at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

JANUARY 28, 1919

A total of 169 men were discharged per 1st Ind. Letter A.G.O. Misc. Division, dated January 8, 1919, the last man being paid at 1.06 A. M. January 29, 1919. The names and ranks are as follows:

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George J. Malcolm

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Harry B. Mayberry

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Robert MacFarland
Lorenzo Mappa
Eugene Mercier
David O. Mills
Emile Mercier
Ovela Mitchell
George R. Nadolny
Hillary Narusewick
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 Louis Rogan
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 Edward J. Salvas
 Frederick Seeley
 Edward Sennett
 Harry W. Smith
 John L. Sullivan
 Louis Susteen
 William B. Valetto
 James W. Walker
 Joseph Wargo
 Napoleon Yates

After these men were discharged the strength of the Battery was 39 enlisted men.

JANUARY 29, 1919

The following named enlisted men were transferred as of their present grade to other camps for the purpose of being discharged by authority of Special Order No. 27, Headquarters Coast Defenses of Eastern New York dated January 28, 1919. Paragraphs and camps as noted: —

Par. 2—to Camp CUSTER, Michigan

Pvt. George H. Bartlett
 Pvt. Wyman C. Bartlett
 Pvt. Henry C. Berlin
 Cpl. Frank J. Chapp
 Cpl. Alexander C. Field
 Pvt. Steve W. Denis

Par. 3—to Camp SHERMAN, Ohio

Private Haskett D. Callison

Par. 4—to Camp DODGE, Iowa

Pvt. Grover C. Gatlin
 Pvt. Earl J. Hubbell
 Pvt. Byron Meurlott
 Pvt. Edwin W. Snell
 Pvt. Simon Washburn

Par. 6—to Camp BEAUREGARD, Louisiana

Pvt. John O. Clements

Par. 7—to Camp GORDAN, Georgia

Pvt. Earnest Cunningham

Pvt. Kinchley Scott

Pvt. George Tudor

Par. 10—to Camp Funston, Kansas

Pvt. Paul O. Graham

Par. 12—to Camp HUMPHRIES, Virginia

Sergt. Thomas A. Little

Par. 13—to Camp TAYLOR, Kentucky

Pvt. Charles J. Carmody

Pvt. Milton Crews

Par. 14—to Camp DEVENS, Massachusetts.

Cpl. Andrew Apostolle

The transfer of these 21 men (1 Sergeant, 3 Corporals and 17 Privates) the enlisted men of the Battery numbered but 18.

JANUARY 30, 1919

The office records were wrapped in bundles, and prepared to forward to Washington, D.C., or to be stored for future reference at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

JANUARY 31, 1919

Supply Sergeant George L. Pearl, and Corporal Frank H. Kirk, Battery Clerk, were discharged per 1st. Ind. Letter A.G.O. Misc. Div. dated Jan. 8, 1919. This change left the total of the Battery roster 16 enlisted men.

FEBRUARY 1, 1919

2nd. Lieut. Carl K. Wirth, F. A. discharged from the service.

FEBRUARY 2, 1919

No change.

FEBRUARY 3, 1919

No change.

FEBRUARY 4, 1919

No change.

FEBRUARY 5, 1919

The following men were transferred from Battery "D" 56th Artillery C.A.C. to Headquarters Company, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y., per

Verbal Orders District Commander, Feb 5. 1919:

Sergeant Charles C. Rapp

Corporals Harry C. Fudge, Ashton Sanford, Peter Kagan

Cook: Michael McShane

Wagoner: Albert E. Young

Private First Class: Francis R. Thomas

Privates: James Leon, Peter Linos.

These seven transfers reduced the fast decreasing roll to a total of seven.

FEBRUARY 6, 1919

No change.

FEBRUARY 7, 1919

The following six men were transferred from Battery "D" 56th Artillery C.A.C. to Battery "E" 56th Artillery C.A.C. as of their present grade, per S.O. No. 6 Headquarters, 56th Artillery C.A.C. dated February 7, 1919:—

First Sergeant Edward Michael

Sergeant Francis Sheerin

Private First Class Hunter L. Stallworth

Private William A. George

Private Lelon L. Jeffries

One man was left to hold the organization name of Battery "D" and the honor of "sticking to the last" belongs to Sergeant Robert F. Cavin.

MARCH 4, 1919

Sergeant Robert F. Cavin was transferred from Battery "D" to Battery "E" per S.O. No. 10 Headquarters 56th Artillery, C.A.C. 1919.

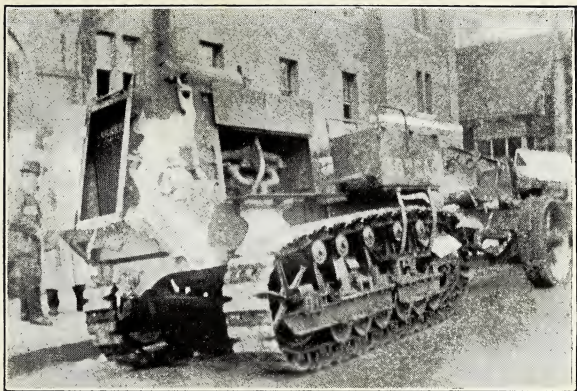
This was the last of the men who returned from France, to be transferred, but in order to maintain the organization of Battery "D", Sergeant Howard E. Manley, was transferred from the supply Company to Battery "D" on the same order that transferred Sergt. Cavin. Sergt. Cavin was immediately made supply sergeant of the Supply Company, 56th Artillery C. A. C.

So ends the record of Battery "D" 56th Artillery C.A.C.—at least OUR Battery "D" of Fort Terry, and France and the A.E.F. A new Battery "D" will be heard from, as the 56th Artillery C.A.C. is to be carried in the service. The writer quotes from an official advice from Washington, the following:—

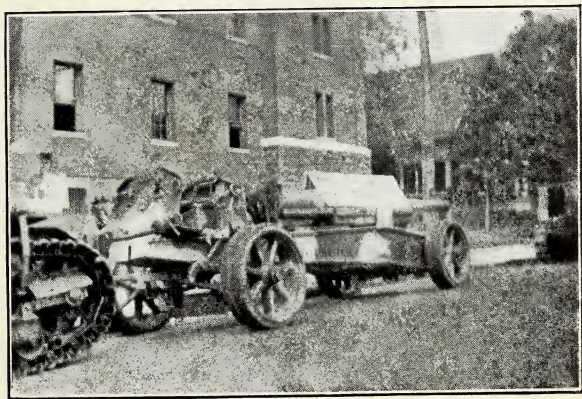
"In recognition of its valuable service in France, the 56th Artillery C.A.C. is being retained in the service, and is now stationed at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, California, where it forms

with the 55th and 57th Regiments, the 31st Artillery Brigade, C. A.C., a Brigade of regiments that fought in France with the 155 MM Filloux guns. The 31st Brigade is now commanded by Brig. General W. C. Davis."





HOLT TRACTOR



155 MM—GRANDE PORTEAU FILLOUX

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE GUN

Name— 155 MM G.P.F. (Grande Porteau Filloux)

Length of gun, ins.—225.4 in.

Weight of gun, lbs.—8520.

Weight of carriage, lbs.—1400.

Capacity powder chamber, cu. in.—1329.

Type of ammunition—Bag.

Powder charge, propelling—26 lbs.

Powder charge, bursting, (shell)—9½ lbs.

Travel of projectile in gun—185 in.

Maximum pressure, (lbs. to Sq. in.)—31500.

Muzzle velocity, feet per second—2322.

Weight of shell, lbs.—95.

Maximum elevation degrees—35.

Loading elevation,—any.

Maximum range, yards,—18300.

Weight of gun (firing position) 11½ tons.

Weight of gun (road position) 13½ tons.

 OUR OFFICERS

Captain Frank E. Withee, C.A.C., from Dec. 20, 1917, to June 21, 1918

Captain Camille Mazeau, C.A.C., from June 30, 1918, to Dec. 18, 1919

Captain Winston W. Little, C.A.C., from Aug. 23, 1918 to Dec. 21, 1918

1st. Lieut. Oscar H. Cowan, C.A.C., from Dec. 20, 1917 to August
(deceased) 21, 1918

1st. Lieut. Robert E. Lowe, C.A.C., from March 1, 1918 to Feb. 7, 1919

1st. Lieut. Burton K. Harris, C.A.C., from Dec. 20, 1917 to July 13, 1918

1st Lieut. Wilson B. Gaither, C.A.C. from April 20, 1918 to Oct. 3, 1918

1st. Lieut. Wilbur G. Dunn, C.A.C., from Sept. 11, 1918 to Jan. 6, 1918

2nd. Lieut. Van N. Sarles, C.A.C., from Dec 20, 1917 to June 21, 1918

2nd Lieut. John E. Casey, C.A.C., from Dec. 20, 1917 to May 27, 1918

2nd. Lieut. John A. Harvey, C.A.C., from May 23, 1918 to Sept. 11, 1918

2nd Lieut Carl K. Wirth, F.A. from Oct. 20, 1918 to Oct. 29, 1918

2nd Lieut. Kyle M. Stevens, F. A. from Nov. 4, 1918 to Feb. 1, 1919

2nd. Lieut. Standish Meacham, C.A.C. from Dec. 3, 1918 to Feb. 1, 1919

"TOP SKIPPERS WE HAVE KNOWN"

1st. Sgt. Harold F. Glendining, from Jan. 1, 1918 to April 23, 1918

1st. Sgt. Charles C. Rapp from April 23, 1918 to July 30, 1918

1st. Sgt. Ernest L. Bartolucci from July 30, 1918 to Nov. 2, 1918

1st. Sgt. Edward Michael, from Oct. 21, 1918 to Feb. 7, 1919.

OVER THERE, AND BACK AGAIN

- Dec. 20, 1918 to March 21, 1919—At Fort Terry, Plum Island, N. Y.
- March 22—To Fort H. G. Wright, Fishers Island, N. Y.
- March 26—Left Fort Wright (by boat) to New London, Ct. Entrained at New London for New York City.
- March 28—Left Pier 59 North River at 10.30 A. M. for France.
- April 4—Entered harbor of Brest, France at 6 P. M.
- April 5—Disembarked at Brest, marched to Pontanezen Barracks.
- April 7—Marched from Pontanezen Barracks to Brest and entrained.
- April 9—Arrived at Clermont-Ferrand, Dept-Puy-de-Dome.
- April 29—Left Gribeauval Barracks in Clermont-Ferrand and marched 8.5 kilometers to Lempdes.
- July 31,—Left Lempdes, entrained at Clermont-Ferrand.
- August 1—Detrained at LaFerte-Sous-Jouarre.
- August 2—Arrived at Charley-sur-Marne, Dept. Aisne.
- August 15—Left Charley-sur-Marne and travelled by motor thru Romeny, Azy, Essomes, Chateau Thierry, Rocourt, Coincy, Fere-en-Tardenois, Loupeigne, to Marieul-en-Dole. (Guns near Lhuys.)
- September 11—To Fere-en-Tardenois, and travelled thru Epernay, Choilly, Jalons, Chalons-sur-Marne, Noyers, Triacourt, Nubecourt, Souilly, Lemmes, Souhesme-le-Grande, Nixeville, to Moulin Brule, Dept. Meuse.
- September 27—From Moulin Brule to Recicourt.
- October 5—From Recicourt to location between the towns of Very and Cheppy.
- October 13—From Cheppy to Bois-de-Cierge on road from Eclisfontaine to Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.
- November 5—Bois-de-Cierge to Bayonville.
- November 10—Bayonville to Barricourt.
- November 13—Barricourt to Forest-de-Woevre, and billeted near the town of Louppy-sur-Loison.
- November 25—Louppy-sur-Loison to barracks near Eclisfontaine.
- November 26—Eclisfontaine thru the towns of Locheres and Varrenes, to Clermont-en-Argonne.
- November 27—Clermont-en-Argonne to Deuxnouds.
- November 28—Deuxnouds thru Longeville, Savonniere, Morley, Dammarie, Bar-le-Duc, to Daillancourt (Haute Marne).
- December 14—Daillancourt (Haute Marne) to Vignory and entrained for Brest.
- December 17—Detrained at Brest and marched to Pontanezan Camp.
- January 6, 1919—Left Pontanezen Camp and marched to Brest. Transferred by lighters to deck of the "U.S.S. South Dakota"—weighed anchor at 11.45 A. M. for the U. S.
- January 18—Dropped anchor at Quarantine, N. Y. Harbor at 9 A. M. Docked at Pier 4, North River. Boarded Ferry for Long Island City, entrained and arrived at Camp Mills, Long Island at 7 P. M.



LIEUTENANT COWAN'S GRAVE IN THE AMERICAN CEMETERY AT SERINGES-ET NESLES, FRANCE.
THIS ONE CEMETERY CONTAINS THE REMAINS OF 3600 AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

January 22,—Left Camp Mills at 9 A. M. and by train to Long Island City. Ferry to Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

OUR HONORED DEAD

1st. Lieut. OSCAR H. COWAN, C.A.C.

Killed in action by H. E. Shell burst. Died at 7.30 P. M. August 21, 1918 at the dressing station of the 305th Ambulance Company, at Marieul-en-Dole, France.

1st. Lieut. WILSON B. GAITHER, C.A.C.

Killed near Montfaucon, Nov. 14, 1919, while resting in a chateau.

CRAWFORD, ANDREW, Private

Wounded in action Aug. 25, 1918 and died from H. E. shell wounds same day.

DUNN, CHARLES, Private

Killed in action Aug. 24, 1918, H. E. Shell burst.

PIKE, WILLIAM H., Private

Died at Post Hospital Fort Terry, N. Y. Feb. 13, 1918 of bronchial pneumonia, contracted in line of duty.

TRESSER, SAMUEL, Private

Died from wounds of H. E. Shell burst received in action of Aug. 24, 1918.

THE WOUNDED

Date of wounds

Amundsen, Frederick Private First Class	Aug. 25, 1918
Barrett, Francis, Wagoner	Nov. 23, 1918
Barnes, William, Private	Aug. 25, 1918
Benard, Leon, Private	Aug. 25, 1918
Brown, Percy, Sergeant	Aug. 19, 1918
Corey, William, Corporal	Aug. 19, 1918
Harrington, William H., Private	Aug. 22, 1918
Harad, Herman, Private	Oct. 7, 1918
Kagan, Peter, Corporal	Aug. 19, 1918
Larkin, Patrick, Private	Aug. 19, 1918
Mark, John, Wagoner	Aug. 25, 1918
Maslen, George E. H., Private	Aug. 1, 1918
McGrath, Mathew, Private	Aug. 19, 1918
Myers, Benjamin F., Private First Class	Aug. 25, 1918
Russell, James H., Private	Aug. 22, 1918
Stockton, James J., Private	Aug. 19, 1918
Thompson, Joseph W., Corporal	Aug. 19, 1918
Ullrich, Forrest H., Private	Aug. 1, 1918

A FEW AMMUNITION FACTS JOTTED DOWN AT RANDOM

First firing was at range at Randanne, Dept. Puy-de-Dome, France, in which 59 Rounds were discharged.

Last days firing was Nov. 11, 1918—firing ceased at 10.55 A. M.

Rounds fired from September 26, 1918, to Nov. 1, 1918,

Gun No. 1	1200
No. 2.	730
No. 3	1130
No. 4	798
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Total	3858 rounds

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The approximate cost of the projectiles only of the above 3858 rounds was \$578,700.00.

Total of the four guns for the last day of the above period was 488 rounds.

The following tribute to Lieutenant Cowan, was sent to his mother, and to his fiancée, by the men of the Battery when stationed at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

January 28, 1919

To MRS. MARIA COWAN

To MISS ANNA ACKER

With the realization that a tribute to the memory of 1st Lieutenant Oscar H. Cowan, must bring both joy and sorrow to those that loved him,—the members of Battery "D" 56th Artillery Regiment C.A.C. feel that before they separate to go their different ways in life, they must send some word of the man who so bravely made the supreme sacrifice for his friends and for his country.

As first Lieutenant of Battery "D" he proved himself an unexcelled example of clean American manhood, and possessed the soldierly qualities and "fighting edge" that have made possible the victory of right and liberty over oppression and autocracy.

Lieutenant Cowan was conscientious in duty. His genial smile and cheery disposition, established such a comradeship as rarely exists between an officer and the men of his command. What a cheer, great and long, greeted him; when he returned to us after a months absence for artillery instruction in France. What an inspiration he was to us on the firing line; his commanding figure always to be seen directing our fire, regardless of personal danger but always with a thought of the welfare and safety of his men.

Almost his last act was to warn the men of an approaching shell.

At his death, sorrow entered the heart of every one of us, and a silent resolve was made that the Hun must pay for the life of this man, whose future held such great promise—our Comrade.

No finer tribute could be paid to him, than that enscribed on the cross erected over his grave—

"Oscar H. Cowan, a Soldier and a Man."

Signed;—For the Men.

CORPORAL FRANK H. KIRK, Battery Clerk

CORPORAL CHANNING P. HUNTINGTON,

Ammunition and Gas Corporal

Date Due

All books are subject to recall after two weeks.

		
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